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States

Moussaoui case: The mental health of terrorism defendant Zacarias Moussaoui is likely to play a significant role if the potential death penalty case in Alexandria, Va., reaches the penalty phase, a government said in a motion Tues-

Prosecutors asked a judge for an order that would permit the government to conduct a mental examination — and receive mental health information on Moussaoui if the defense plans to raise the issue.

The government would only use the evaluation and medical information to rebut any defense strategy to spare Moussaoui the death penalty by citing his mental condition,

Fla. teacher shooting: The Florida middle school student convicted of shooting his English teacher to death four years ago has fired his lawyer, saying he wants to represent himself.

Nathaniel Brazill, now 17, is serving a 28-year sentence for killing Lake Worth Middle School teacher Barry Grunow. Brazill turned his gun on Grunow after the teacher refused to let him talk with two girls in his classroom.

Attorney Jack Thompson had taken Brazill's case, hoping to help the teen reduce his sentence. Brazill fired him, saying he wanted to serve as his own lawyer, Thompson said in West Palm Beach.

World

Gaza withdrawal: The Israeli government snubbed an international group of Mideast mediators in the region to discuss Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip, officials said Wednesday, adding it first wants to discuss the pullout with a U.S. delevation.

The representatives of the so-called Quartet — the United States, the European Union, the United Nations and Russia — met Wednesday with Palestinian officials, who welcomed the visit.

The group is trying to push forward the Gaza withdrawal plan. It hopes the pullout will be the first step of the internationally backed "road map" peace plan.

Sri Lanka unrest: A Tamil Tiger suicide bomber detonated explosives at a police station Wednesday in Colombo, Sri Lanka, killing four officers in the first such attack in the capital since the rebels signed a cease-fire two years ago, police said.

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Seven people were wounded and the bomber was killed in the blast, which occurred across the street from the U.S. and British embassies.

The rebels made no comment on the attack, which threatens the 2002 truce between the Liberation Tigers of Tamileelam and the Sri Lankan government.

Ireland smoking ban: A lone Galway pub has thrown down the gauntlet to the Irish government over its 3-month-old ban on workplace smoking — by inviting customers to rebel and light up. "We're taking a stand," declared Ciaran

"We're taking a stand," declared Ciaran Levanzin, co-owner of the Fibber Magee's pub in the central Eyre Square of Galway, where ashtrays returned to tables Tuesday and customers were encouraged to puff away.

It marked the first deliberate effort by any of Ireland's more than 10,000 pubs to



Clinton documents: Clinton Presidential Library Director David Alsobrook walks past some material destined for the library Tuesday at the Clinton Presidential Archive warehouse. Former President Clinton will make 100,000 documents of domestic-policy records available to scholars and researchers Nov. 18, the day his presidential library opens, sald Skip Rutherford, president of Clinton's nonprofit foundation. The papers make up a tiny part of the 630 tons of Clinton White House records that began the move Tuesday from the warehouse to the archives portion of the \$155 million Clinton Presidential Center.

defy the ban. The measure has been almost universally observed — and, in a country where 70 percent of adults do not smoke, broadly popular — since its March 29 introduction.

Marine funeral: Mexico apologized for disrupting the military funeral of a U.S. Marine killed in Iraq, but insisted that it had to make sure its laws outlawing foreign troops from carrying wapons on Mexican soil were upheld.

U.S. Ambassador Tony Garza had sent a blistering diplomatic note Tuesday demanding to know why Mexican troops interrupted the funeral Sunday for Lance Cpl. Juan Lopez, who had migrated to the United States from Mexico and was killed west of Baghdad on June 21.

The Mexican soldiers took issue with nonworking, ceremonial rifles carried by two Marines who traveled from the United States for the ceremony, but Garza said the Marines had worked everything out beforeband.

SARS crisis: Bowing to pressure over a slow, sloppy response to SARS, Hong Kong's health secretary resigned Wednesday to take blame for the crisis that killed hundreds and caused months of uncertainty and fear in the territory.

Dr. Yeoh Eng-kiong became a rare political casualty in a territory where critics charge that top aides of Hong Kong's leader, Tung Chee-hwa, often avoid being held accountable for problems.

SARS infected 1,755 people in Hong Kong and killed 299 of them.

Madrid bombings: The Spanish government accused Basque separatists of carrying out the Madrid train bombings — now blamed on Islamic terrorists — before experts had determined what kind of explosives were used, an official testified Wednesday. Juan Jesus Sanchez Manzano, head of the Interior Ministry's bomb disposal unit, testified in the second day of Spanish parliamentary hearings into the March 11 attack,

which killed 190 people.
Sanchez Manzano said the type of explosives used in the blasts — Goma 2 Eco, a kind of dynamite — was not precisely identified until the next morning, after experts had been able to examine a backpack bomb that failed to explode.

Bird flu outbreak: China said Wednesday that wild birds may have sparked a new outbreak of avian flu on a lakeside farm, while Thailand confirmed fresh outbreaks in two central provinces.

The cases in both countries involved the same severe bird flu strain that earlier this year ravaged Asia's poultry industry and jumped to people in Vietnam and Thailand, killing 24. About 100 million chickens across the region were slaughtered to halt its spread.

China's Agriculture Ministry said a farm in Anhui province was quarantined following confirmation on Tuesday of the country's first reported outbreak since it declared it had "stamped out" the disease nearly four months ago.

Russian oil company debt: Former Yukos CEO Mikhail Khodorkovsky has asked the Moscow oil company's board of directors to use his shares and those of other core shareholders to pay the government's back tax bill, his lawyer said Wednesday.

Lawyer Anton Drel told The Associated Press that Khodorkovsky had taken the step in order to "prevent the company's bankruptcy and to prevent damage to the interests of all the workers and shareholders of the company."

Drel's announcement came just hours after court bailiffs said they were moving to execute the court decision requiring Yukos to pay \$3.4 billion in back taxes for 2000.

tories and photo from wire services

Correction

A story in Wednesday's editions on the change of command ceremony for the European Regional Dental Command misidentified the outgoing commander. He is Col. Conrad F. Bodai. Col. Sidney A. Brooks is commander of the U.S. Army Dental Command at Fort Sam Houston. Texas. Comics, horoscope and advice every day in Stars and Stripes

Iraq issues new laws to battle insurgents

Security measures mean Allawi can order martial law

BY DANICA KIRKA The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - The Iraqi government issued a long-anticipatpackage of security laws Wednesday to help crush insurgents, including a provision allowing interim Prime Minister Ivad Allawi to impose martial law.

"The lives of the Iraqi people are in danger, they are in danger from evil forces, from gangs of terrorists," said Human Rights Minister Bakhityar Amin, who compared the new law to the USA Patriot Act.

As the plan was announced masked gunmen battled Iraqi forces in central Baghdad, and at least four people were killed. Mortars landed near a residence used by Allawi, and Iraqi police also defused a massive car bomb elsewhere in the capital.

The new laws give Allawi the right to impose curfews, to conduct search operations and detain individuals with weapons, once he receives unanimous approval from the Presidential Council They also give him the right to assign governors, including military leaders, in specific areas, and they empower him to freeze the assets of suspects and monitor their communications.

Allawi signed the law earlier in the day, officials said.

"The law ... is really designed to protect lives in Iraq, whether these lives are Iragis or friends of Iraq" in the country, Allawi told Associated Press Television News. "We will use the law whenever it is necessary to defeat our enemies."

Officials also emphasized the checks built into the new laws to allay fears that they could give Allawi dictatorial powers reminiscent of the deposed regime of Saddam Hussein



Interim Prime Minister Ivad Allawi speaks out against a rocket attack that injured one person near his house in Baghdad on Wednesday. Allawi's government announced a new security law giving itself wider powers to combat militants and stabilize the country.

Justice Minister Malik Dohan al-Hassan said the premier would need to get warrants from an Iragi court for each step and said martial law could only be declared for 60 days or for the duration of the specific violence, whichever was shorter.

"We realize this law might restrict some liberties, but there are a number of guarantees," al-Hassan said. "We have tried to guarantee justice and also to guarantee human rights.'

Amin said the human rights

and justice ministries would form a joint body to monitor areas of the country where the emergency laws are declared.

Allawi and his government had delayed the announcement of the law on several occasions, suggesting some disagreement within the Cabinet over its provisions.

The security dangers were underscored by the violence

Insurgents waged a running gunbattle with Iraqi forces in the

Wednesday

U.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Tuesday, 868 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 646 died as a result of hostile action and 222 died of nonhostile causes. The military did not provide an update over the holiday weekend.

The British military has reported 59 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria and Poland, six each; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major com-bat operations in Iraq had ended, 730 U.S. servicemembers have - 537 as a result of hostile action and 193 of nonhostile causes. according to the military as of Friday.

The latest deaths reported by the military: ■ Seven U.S. Marines assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force were killed in western Iraq. Three died Monday and four

were killed Tuesday.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

Army 2nd Lt. Brian D. Smith, 30, McKinney, Texas; killed Friday in fighting in Habbaniyah, Iraq; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.

Army Staff Sgt. Stephen G. Martin, 39. Rhinelander, Wis.: died Friday of wounds received June 24 in an explosion in Mosul, Iraq; assigned to the Army Reserves, 330th Military Police Detachment, Sheboygan, Wis.

streets near Martyrs' Square, the Interior Ministry said. Health Ministry official Saad al-Amili said four people were killed and 20 injured in the battle.

U.S. armored personnel carriers moved to the scene of the fighting as two Apache helicop-ters hovered overhead. Interior Ministry officials said the helicopters fired on nearby buildings.

In another Baghdad neighborhood, four mortar rounds shook a neighborhood near the headquarters of Allawi's political party. wounding six people, an Interior Ministry official said. The attacks on a stretch of Zeitoun Street in central Raghdad also hit near a home used by Allawi, who was not there, the official said.

Iraqi police also defused a car loaded with 1,650 pounds of explosives Wednesday that was parked near the al-Iman mosque in the Karada neighborhood in downtown Baghdad, according to po-lice Col. Adnan Hussein.

Later, an explosion shook the terminal at Baghdad International Airport. There was no immediate word on damage or casualties.

Also Wednesday, Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's group said 100 of its fighters attacked U.S. forces on Monday in Saqlawiya, 43 miles west of the Iraqi capital, according to a statement nosted on an Islamic Web

The statement did not say how many American soldiers were

The U.S. military on Tuesday announced that three Marines as signed to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force were killed while on duty in western Iraq. Two died in action Monday in Anbar province while a third died of his wounds later Monday.

Another four U.S. Marines were killed Tuesday in the province during security and stability operations, the U.S. military said.

Purported al-Zarqawi tape offers reasons for beheading

BY MAGGIE MICHAEL The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt - The kidnapners of U.S. businessmen Nicholas Berg said they refused a ransom and beheaded him to take revenge for what American-led forces had done to Muslims in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to an audiotape issued in the name of the militant leader Abu Musab al-Zargawi.

The 60-minute tape, which was posted on Islamic Web sites Tuesday, said unidentified people had tried to persuade the kidnappers to spare Berg's life.

They were ready to give us whatever sums of money we asked ... to save this infidel's life," said the voice, purportedly that of al-Zarqawi, "but despite our desperate need of money to fund our jihad, we preferred to take revenge for our sisters and our nation.

The voice could not be immediately verified as that of al-Zarqawi, but it sounded like him. The Jordanian militant, whose real name is Ahmad Fadhil Nazzal al-Khalayleh, is the most wanted insurgent in Iraq. Allegedly linked to the al-Qaida terror group, he is also wanted by the Jordanian and American authorities. The United States has offered \$25 million for information leading to his capture.

His Tawhid and Jihad group claimed responsibility for the beheading of Berg and South Korean translator Kim Sun-il. It was

of attacks on police and security forces in Iraq that killed 100 people in the days leading up to the coalition forces' handover of power to an Iraqi interim government last month

The voice on the tape attacked Islamic clerics for criticizing Berg's killing rather than support "Muslims in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Palestinian territories and Indonesia.

Muslim religious leaders condemned Berg's execution as un-Islamic. His decapitated body was found May 8 near a highway overpass in Baghdad.

His killers released a videotape, bearing the title "Abu Musab al-Zarqawi shown slaugh-tering an American," which



Abu Musab al-Zarqawi

showed the actual execution. U.S. intelligence officials have determined "with high probability" that it was al-Zargawi himself who beheaded Berg based on an analysis of the voice heard on the video, a CIA official has said on condition of anonymity.

Accident kills GI

BALAD, Iraq — A 13th Corps Support Command soldier was killed and four injured Wednesday in a vehicle accident near Ramadi.

The injured were evacuated by air to a military medical facility at Camp Ramadi. Two of the injured were scheduled to be evacuated to a higher-level medical facility, according to a Coalition Press Information Center release. The name of the facility was not specified

The name of the dead soldier is being withheld pending notification of next of kin The accident is under investi-

The 13th Corps Support Command is out of Fort Hood, Texas.

From staff reports

Pilot fined month's pay for bombing Canadians

Reprimand calls airman's excuse of self-defense a lie

BY KEVIN MCGILL

NEW ORLEANS — The lawyer for a U.S. fighter pilot who mistakenly bombed Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan in 2002, killing four, said he might appeal a verdict that got his client a reprimand and cost him a month's wapes.

Maj. Harry Schmidt, 38, was found guilty Tuesday of dereliction of duty and was docked nearly \$5,700 in pay.

Schmidt "acted shamefully" during the episode, "exhibiting arrogance and a lack of flight discipline," Air Force Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson wrote in the reprimand.

Charles Gittins, Schmidt's civilian lawyer, repeated his claim that Schmidt was made a scapegoat for his commanders' poor planning. He said the reprimand amounted to an unfair conviction for murder.

Schmidt, a former instructor at the Navy's "Top Gun" fighter pilot school, had blamed the bombing on the "fog of war," saying he mistook the Canadians' gunfire for an attack by Taliban forces.

He said his superiors never told him the Canadians would be conducting live-fire exercises near Kandahar airport that night.

He was originally charged with manslaughter and aggravated assault, but the charges were reduced last year to dereliction of duty.

Carlson said Schmidt had be-

come impatient waiting for permission from air controllers to attack what he believed was Taliban artillery. He was warned to "make sure it's not friendlies" before firing.

The reprimand said Schmidt

The reprimand said Schmidt should have taken evasive action rather than attack and accused him of lying about his motivation for the bombing, using "the inherent right of self-defense as an excuse to wage your own war."

"If what Gen. Carlson claimed were true — that Harry used self-defense as a pretext and reck-



U.S. Air Force Maj. Harry Schmidt and his wife, Lisa, drive past a security checkpoint last month at Camp Lincoln in Springfield, Ill., for a meeting with officials. Schmidt, a U.S. fighter pilot who mistakenly bombed Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan in 2002, killing four, was found guilty Tuesday of dereliction of duty.

lessly released ordnance without legal justification — that constitutes unpremeditated murder," Gittins said in a statement.

Gittins also has said an Air Force-issued amphetamine given to pilots to help them stay awake on long missions might have impaired the pilot's judgment. How-

ever, Col. Richard Harding, a judge advocate general with the Air Force, said Gittins presented no evidence regarding the pills in last week's hearing.

Schmidt's mission commander, Maj. William Umbach, who was in a second F-16, also was charged with assault and manslaughter. Those charges were dismissed last summer, and he was reprimanded for "leadership failures" and allowed to retire.

The case against the two Illinois National Guardsmen has been closely watched in Canada, where many were outraged by the bombing and the two days it took President Bush to publicly apologize.

The four soldiers who died were the first Canadians killed in combat since the Korean War. Eight others were wounded.

Maureen Decaire, mother of one of the Canadians injured in the bombing, said she understands that Schmidt did not intend to cause harm, but the decision still leaves her unsatisfied.

"I would like to see him accept responsibility, which I don't think has happened," she said from Winnipeg.

Schmidt was found guilty after a closed, nonjudicial hearing held last week at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. The Air Force had announced last month that it would not court-martial Schmidt, he could have gotten up to six months in prison if convicted at a court-martial.

Schmidt remains in the Air National Guard but has agreed never to fly Air Force jets again.

Web site seeks to offer troops Google's high-storage e-mail

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — There appears to be such a thing as a free lunch for deployed troops and their families.

Now it's a matter of feeding them, so to speak. Some self-professed computer geeks have joined to give deployed troops access to invitations for Google's free e-mail service, Gmail, which offers an unprecedented one gigabyte of storage that will let them share photographs and videos across the Interview

Gmail is currently available to the public only through the much-coveted invitations, which let users test it out as Google experiments with the software. Demand for the invitations is so high that they are being auctioned on eBay, and Internet sites have popped up where people barter deeds — mostly good deeds—in exchange for an invitation.

Now, invitations for the free e-mail accounts are available for troops overseas, particularly those serving in combat zones, said Anne Mitchell, president and CEO of the California-based consulting firm Institute for Spam and Internet Public Policy.

To register, troops need to log on to

To register, troops need to log on to www.Gmail4troops.com and select "request an invite"

We've heard from some of the troops who said one picture from their wife, and it wiped out their entire storage space, or a new photo would delete an older one. [Gmail] has a gig of storage, and troops can see clips of home movies, clips of their babies taking their first steps, of their children's graduations," Mitchell said.

While the accounts are available to all servicemembers, "we are giving priority to those in the Iraq and Afghanistan and we ask them to let us know if they are enlisted, warrant officer, or officer, what unit they're in and where they are stationed," she said.

"We ask if they are enlisted or not because, though have been overwhelmed with donations, if the time comes when we have more requests than donations, we want to start triaging so that the enlisted troops on the ground, those who really stretch the dollar and feel the pinch, so it gets in their hands first."

mail is still in the beta phase and while Google plans to make it public, those plans are not immediate, a Google representative said. A criticism of the service is that its users will be targeted with advertisements based on profiles and e-mail usage and the accounts can become a repository of personal information, to include information about troop loca-

Gmail4troops.com started when Drew Olanoff, who works for an Internet consulting firm in Pennsylvania and is regular reader of actor Wil Wheaton's blogsite, e-mailed the actor to trade a covted invitation for Wheaton's commitment to solicit others to donate invites for troops deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwaii.

Wheaton, best known for playing Ensign Wesley Crusher in the TV series "Star Trek: The Next Generation" from 1987 to 1990, agreed, and he was inundated with responses, Mitchell said. Two days later, the two started Gmail4Troops.com and brought in Mitchell to pair donated invitations with troops' re-

But the anticipated flood of requests didn't come, the said. "We have several thousand accounts donated, and

"We have several thousand accounts donated, and while we've already given out several hundred, we have had difficulty getting the word out to troops," Mitchell said.

Olanoff said he got the idea from a soldier serving in Afghanistan, who pleaded for an invitation after "thumping" a swap site where people promised to trade goods and services. He thought, heck, troops already were serving their good deeds, and he pitched in to help, he said.

EBay, the online auction site, started selling the in-demand invitations a few months ago, when prices peaked at roughly \$60, an eBay representative said. As the number of Gmail account listings on eBay sincreased over the past few months—it's now in the 800s—the listing prices have dropped and now range from 99 cents to \$20 for multiple invitations.

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U.S. discloses it hauled radioactive material found in lab from Iraq

By H. Josef Hebert The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a secret operation, the United States last month removed from Iraq nearly two tons of uranium and hundreds of highly radioactive items that could have been used in a so-called dirty bomb, the Energy Department disclosed.

The nuclear material was secured from Iraq's former nuclear research facility and airlifted out of the country to an undisclosed Energy Department laboratory for further analysis, the department said in a statement Tuesday.

Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham described the previously undisclosed operation, which was concluded June 23, as "a major achievement" in an attempt to "keep potentially dangerous nuclear material out of the hands of terrorists."

The haul included a "huge range" of radioactive items used for medical and industrial purposes, said Bryan Wilkes, a spokesman for the Energy Department's National Nuclear Security Administration.

Much of the material "was in powdered form, which is easily dispersed," said Wilkes. The statement provided only

dispersed," said Wilkes.
The statement provided only scant details about the material taken from Iraq, but said it included "roughly 1,000 highly radioactive sources" that "could potentially be used in a radiolog-

ical dispersal device," or dirty

Also ferried out of Iraq was 1.95 tons of low-enriched uranium, the department said. Wilkes said "a huge range of

Wilkes said "a nuge range of different isotopes" were secured in the joint Energy Department and Defense Department operation. They had been used in Iraq for a range of medical and industrial purposes, such as testing oil wells and pipelines.

Uranium is not suitable for making a dirty bomb. But some of the other radioactive material — including cesium-137, co-balt-60 and strontium — could have been valuable to a terrorist seeking to build a terror weapon.

Such a device would not trigger a nuclear explosion, but would use conventional explosives to spread radioactive debris. While few people would probably be killed or seriously affected by the radiation, such an explosion could cause panic, make a section of a city uninhabcumbersome and expensive cleanup. A recent study by researchers

A recent study by researchers at the Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies concluded it is "all but certain" that some kind of dirty bomb will be set off by a terrorist group in the years ahead. There are just too many radioactive sources available across the globe, the report said.

Despite congressional worries about troops, Pentagon holds fast in denying need for draft

Stars and Strines

ARLINGTON, Va. - Despite lawmakers' concerns that military forces have been stressed "nearly to the breaking point" by rotations in Iraq and Afghani stan, the Bush administration has no intention of bringing back the draft, senior Pentagon officials told House members

Wednesday. Reserve soldiers, in particular, have been pushed "nearly to the breaking point" by rotations to Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, Missouri Rep. Ike Skelton, ranking Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee, said in a Wednesday hearing about troop rota-

The United States "has a moral duty to see our duty through in Iraq and Afghanistan," Skelton said. At the same time, however, U.S. troops "are our most precious commodity ... our sons and daughters. They are not pawns on a chessboard." "I'm worried," Skelton said. "We're asking very few to exert an enormous sustained effort for

the good of all of us. Skelton characterized as "drasuras uc mea-sures" the



has taken to man the ongoing rotations Those ac-

the

tions have included stop-loss provisions that have

prevented deployed soldiers from voluntari-

ly leaving the Army; repeat rotations for many active units, including the 3rd Infantry Division, the 10th Mountain Division and the 101st Airborne Division; surprise extensions of already

year-long deployments for the 1st Armored Division and others in Iraq; and most recently, the involuntary call-up of 5,600 members of the Inactive Ready Re-serves for the first time since Desert Storm.

But David Chu, undersecretary of Defense for personnel and readiness, took issue with Skelton's assertion.

"I would not call these mea-sures a last resort," Chu told the committee members.

As for the IRR call-up, "the fact that it is rare does not mean that it's inappropriate," Chu said

Moreover, "the administration does not support a resumption of the draft," Chu told committee

But Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., alleged that Democrats are working to convince voters otherwise in an attempt to influence the outcome of the November presidential election.

During Wednesday's hearing,

claimed "is being sent nation wide," that he said insists that "Just after the 2004 presidential elections, as early as spring 2005, the administration [will] quietly try to get ... two bills introduced to reinstate the draft, while the public's attention is on the elections.'

Weldon angrily called the e-mail "political posturing ... to scare college students."

Chu moved quickly to repudiate the e-mail's assertions, saying "there is no secret plan" to reinstate the draft.

The strength of today's U.S. military, Chu said, rests on its all-volunteer nature, and "I cannot see the merit of replacing these fine volunteers with people who don't want to volunteer

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has also repeatedly insisted that he has no intention of reinstating the draft. Chu said.

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Bush picks nominee for Army secretary

BY SCOTT LINDLAW The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A defense industry engineer and executive is President Bush's pick for secretary of the Army.

Bush is to nominate Francis J. Harvey to the post, which has been held for more than a year by a temporary appointee, a senior administration official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the nomination had not been announced Bush had

previously nominated Francis J. Harvey, a former Westinahouse Electric Co. executive, to be the Defense Department's

> chief information officer.

Harvey would replace Thomas E. White, who resigned under pressure last year after repeated clashes with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

An earlier nominee, current Air Force Secretary James Roche, withdrew his name from consideration earlier this year when the nomination faced opposition in the Senate.

Bush had previously nominated Harvey, a former top executive at Westinghouse Electric Co., to be the Defense Department's chief information officer.

Harvey held several manage ment and executive positions at Westinghouse, which had an extensive defense electronics business, from the 1960s to 1997. He holds a doctorate in metallurgy and material sciences from the University of Pennsylvania and a bachelor's degree in science from the University of Notre Dame.

Les Brownlee has been serving as acting Army secretary since White, a former Enron Corp. executive, resigned in May 2003. White had clashed with Rumsfeld on a number of issues related to Rumsfeld's plans for transforming the military, including the Army's plans for the Crusader artillery system.

Rumsfeld canceled the Crusader, saying it was too heavy and cumbersome for the lighter, more agile Army he envisioned.

Army commanders punished over Iraq drowning

FORT CARSON, Colo. - The U.S. Army has given nonjudicial punishments to three commanders linked to the drowning of an Iraqi civilian, saying they conspired to impede a homicide investigation.

Capt. Matthew Cunningham, Maj. Robert Gwinner and Lt. Col. Nathan Sassaman were punished this spring under Article 15, which does not require a court proceeding or public record, the Army said Tuesday.

The Army would not disclose the punishments, citing privacy laws, but there was no criminal conviction or prison time.

Last week, the military said three other soldiers based at Fort Carson had been charged with involuntary manslaughter in the Jan. 3 drowning of 19-year-old Iraqi detainee Zaid-oun Fadel Hassoun in the Tigris River. A fourth soldier is charged with pushing a second man, who survived, into the river

First Lt. Jack M. Saville, Sgt. 1st Class Tracy E. Perkins, Sgt. Reggie Martinez and Spc. Terry Bowman Jr. face a July 22 hear-

They are from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team based at Fort Carson.

The military says Saville and Perkins conspired with Sassaman, Gwinner and Cunningham to mislead investigators by denying the Iragis were shoved into the river



Beyond the borders of Kabul

U.S., NATO forces must strike balance in areas like Herat

By Ward Sanderson Stars and Stripes

HERAT, Afghanistan - Men in Old Testament robes smiled toothily inside the school, hands on hearts, greeting the Western guests dressed in bulletproof

It's not only a new school, but also a teachers' academy in Afghanistan that will train women as well as men.

"That's kind of one of the stipulations, that the girls all get a crack at this," said Sgt. 1st Class Shannon Para, a U.S. civil affairs soldier and a mother of four, as she rattled away from the site aboard an old Iranian airlines shuttle bus.

The Army's small provincial reconstruction team helped the U.S. Agency for International Development and the International Organization for Migration make the school a reality. The banner on the building reads, "Learn from birth until death!" Regarding women, the Taliban certainly would have disagreed.

The U.S. soldiers in Herat soon may have international help. As NATO installs its own reconstruction teams in the north and eyes Afghanistan's west, it intends to meet the Americans in Herat. They didn't announce when, but alliance leaders at last month's NATO Summit in Istanbul, Turkey, decided to send a few hundred troops to Herat to form a logistics hub for the alliance's westward expansion, and plan to set up a quick-reaction force to deploy in case of trouble. Trouble is, there's plenty of it.



local governor and warlord engaged those of President Hamid Karzai. The governor's son was killed. In the neighboring province of Badghis, the military says it faces government corruption. drug production and the possibility of Taliban training centers. Five aid workers with Doctors Without Borders were assassinat ed there June 2. In the appropri-ately named province of Ghowar, a warlord seized control last month, reportedly clashing with government troops and U.S. and New Zealand units. Afghan soldiers took back the provincial capital by month's end

Considering all this, the 70 or so U.S. soldiers in Herat will likely welcome NATO neighbors.

"It can get awful lonely here," said Lt. Col. James Hand, the PRT commander. Hand calls Badghis in particular the "wild, wild West

As the sign on the new school implores, the Americans here said the Afghans love and thirst for education. But some of the professional fighters have no skills



A French soldier wears bomb squad protection in Kabul, Afghanistan. Such international troops are expanding their NATO mission into areas outside the capital.



HOTOS BY WARD SANDERSON/Stars and Stripe

Above: "I earn from hirth to death!" is the motto of a new teachers' academy in the town of Herat. Afghania stan. A U.S. Army-run provincial reconstruction team helped sponsor the center's founding.

other than brandishing a Kalashnikov and some don't want any "There is a hard-core group of

mujahadeen who only want to carry around an AK-47 and stand around and look important. Herat itself in some ways is a

paradox. It is conservative but apparently accepting of reforms such as the new school. It is renote but under the rule of a Kabul-appointed governor, Is-mail Khan. But Khan is also a warlord whose power existed before it was made official by Karzai. And though trucks kick up grit as they haul bearded men toting machine guns, there also is the Herat Tourist Hotel, all shiny and glass a shrunken slice of Vegas

It was Khan's forces that took on Karzai's troops here in March What apparently began as a fender bender involving government soldiers and Khan's men turned bloody. Apparently believing the accident had been a setup to ambush his father. Khan's son led at attack against an Afghan military outpost. These locals showed up driving tanks

"They had their own private war," said Maj. Gen. Wolfgang Korte, the German deputy commander of NATO's International Security Assistance Force.

Warlords aren't going any where yet. They are too powerful, and some, like Khan, remain pop-

"Frankly, there is no choice but to deal with them," said Canadian Cmdr. Chris Henderson, the NATO spokesman in Kabul.

When asked whether dealing with warlords means endorsing the drug trade, ISAF's deputy operations and planning officer said that's not the case

"I wouldn't read that into it." Canadian Lt. Col. Kent Davis said. "We talk to everyone.

The supreme commander of NATO, U.S. Marine Corps Gen.



Below: Gen. James L. Jones, center, NATO's top officer, speaks with Iceland's Col. Halli Sigurdsson, commander of Kabul International Ainort, Jones also visited American troops in Herat.

James L. Jones, said the drug problem is that of the emerging Afghan government. The alliance, Jones said during a recent visit, must focus on fighting ter-

rorism and building the Afghan National Army. "It's a delicate issue. ... It's a problem that's got to be ad-dressed by someone," Jones said. But not by him, at least not vet.

"I am not in the drug business he said. "That's not the NATO Though officials often mini-

mize any connection between terrorism and poppy production, the Americans on duty in Herat have found otherwise. Maj. Rick Marx, commander of the civil affairs effort there, said that poppy production precedes Taliban resurgences in areas like Badghis. And a local farmer can make \$250,000 a

Jones said the big challenge is

year from poppies

weaning Afghans off the crop without providing another option

"It's got to be replaced by other conomic activity," he said. economic activity," he said. Marx said working in Afghani-

stan's wild, wild West still is worthwhile. "Here, if you build a bridge, you may connect seven villages to Herat, which has a hospital. It's very rewarding. From the roof of his small base Marx watched Khan's forces bat-

tle the Afghan government troops, artillery flashes in the distance. But on this day, there is no fighting. Only visiting foreigners with cameras.

Two women in burgas on an ad-jacent rooftop see the cameras. The women turn their backs. But they turned around again, and not

with anger or offense.

They had instead removed their veils and looked back, faces in the afternoon sun, waiting for the cameras.

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Reaction mixed to warrant officer changes

Rising Eagle insignia to make way for variety of Army branch markings

BY JON R. ANDERSON Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany
Army warrant officers will gather Friday to celebrate the 86th anniversary of their corps and usher in changes to their uni-

forms.

Beginning Friday, all Army
warrants will replace the corps insignia, the Rising Eagle that has
been the mark of an Army warrant since 1921, with the wide variety of branch insignias worn by
the rest of the officer corps. Now,
for example, warrants specializing in communications will wear
the Signal Corps insignia.

While some say the changes are positive, others see it as a loss of cherished tradition.

of cherished tradition.
"Warrant officers traditionally have not been treated as part of the officer corps. We've kind of been in this strange gray area between the noncommissioned officers of the comparison of

Still, some are sad to see the Rising Eagle retired.



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"There's certain nostalgia involved in the Rising Eagle," sail retried Chief Warrant Officer 3 Bud Colburn, who now works as a civilian with the 66th Military Intelligence Group in Darmstadt. "It's easily recognizable and there's a proud history there. With the loss of that, there will be something missing."

something missing."

But, adds Colburn, "if this is a way of bringing pay parity up to the front and bringing more professional education and leadership opportunities, then the loss of the Rising Eagle is just one of the prices you have to pay."

The change is "very controversial with strong positions on both sides," said Chief Warrant Offic-

Welcoming ceremony

The warrant officer welcoming ceremony will be Friday from 11 a.m. to noon in the Patch Chapel, Building 2305, at Patch Barracks in Stuttgart, Germany.

All central European-based Army warrant officers — active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired — are invited. All Army participants should wear Class A uniforms

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er 3 Dave Rocha, a communications expert in Stuttgart.

"The warrant officer insignia has come to be recognized as the symbol of the tactically and technically proficient officers of the Army — the seasoned experts within a given field," he said. "Problem is, when you look at the insignia you don't know what that given field is."

The change will help solve that.

It comes amid a wider overhaul of the warrant program, stemming from years of debate within the community and the Army as a whole.

"The Army must make fundamental changes in the warrant officer cohort to support full spectrum operations," reads a July 2002 Army study. "At the heart of this change is a complete integration of WOs into the larger officer corps.— a process begun in the late 1980s and never completed."

Army leaders say they want to do just that. The Army message announcing the change in March stated the insignia swap is "a first step toward the full integration of warrant officer recruiting, accession, education and management into the branch-based systems of the larger officer corps."

Warrants are now fully commissioned when they pin on chief warrant officer, putting them in the same legal standing as their "regular" officer counterparts, and allowing them to command

units.
"For me, it's a good thing because it will afford warrants
greater opportunities for training
as well as full recognition for
what they've been doing for several years now." Rocha said. "We're
going to finally get acknowledged
for what we have been doing for
the Army."

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Firefighter honored

NAPLES, Italy — Fire Inspector Larry Beal of Naval Support Activity Naples was recently selected as the Navy's civilian firefighter of the year runner-up.

Beal, as part of the base's fire rescue division and fire prevention and edu-

cation branch, does everything from enforcing fire code regulations to teaching fire prevention classes. In his nom-

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nized for various public fire education initiatives that directly reached more than 80 percent of the Naples and Gaeta communities — about

8,000 people.

He also developed and instituted juvenile fire starter and National Fire Protection Association risk watch programs

Beal has worked with area Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to promote fire safety by using a fire safety trailer that teaches kids how to escape from a smokefilled room.

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Lt. Col. Rich Cordell, right, deputy commander of the 100th Operations Group at RAF Mildenhall, England, shows off the base's new tower to David Hastings, an honorary commander at the base. The tower complex was officially opened in a ceremony Wednesday.

RAF Mildenhall is back in business

By RON JENSEN Stars and Stripes

RAF MILDENHALL, England As this base in eastern En-gland marks 70 years of service this year, Wednesday will be one of its more memorable days.

For the first time in nearly five months, a fixed-wing aircraft touched down on the runway, which has been undergoing renovation since March.

And watching as the KC-135 Stratotanker landed were more than 200 people who gathered to dedicate a \$15 million operations facility that includes a nine-story control tower and a modern snacious firehouse

"It's an exciting day for our base," Col. Richard Devereaux, commander of the 100th Air Refueling Wing, said in remarks to the audience that included military members and local officials from neighboring towns.

The base was opened on Oct. 16. 1934, as the winds of war were blowing on the continent. It was home to a bomber unit that launched sorties just six hours after war was declared on Sept. 3,

1939 The U.S. Air Force arrived at the base in 1951. The wing is celebrating the base's heritage throughout the year, which was an undercurrent of the ceremony on Wednesday

The smoke that curled from the tires of the KC-135 as they touched the new concrete was sign that business is returning to normal at RAF Mildenhall after a \$15 million makeover to the runway. Since March, the airplanes have been flying from RAF Fairford, about 200 miles away

"Five months later, it was so sweet to touch down on that runsaid Col. Bryan Benson, who flew the aircraft that landed Wednesday. Benson, commander of the 100th Operations Group, commanded the 500 people de-ployed to RAF Fairford.

Over the next few weeks, more aircraft will return until operations are back to normal in late July or early August, about one earlier than originally planned

Despite that triumph, the star of the day was the new facility, called an operations and crash fire rescue complex. Besides the tower and firefighting area, it includes an area for mission plan-

ning and airfield management. Chief among the upgrades is a weather observation system that allows forecasters to gather wide range of data with a single machine.

The tower is the most obvious addition to the base, standing 123 feet high and sticking out like a sore thumb on the flat English landscape. It replaces a tower that was only two stories high and built more than 50 years ago

Airman 1st Class William Macarthur, a controller with the 100th Operations Support Squadron, said the added height allows controllers to better observe aircraft moving about on the ground

The old tower was constantly upgraded with new technology, but the new one has even more modern air traffic control equip ment. MacArthur pointed out a system that measures wind speed and direction at both ends of the

'You can get within five seconds measurements that are ex-actly right on," he said.

Currently, MacArthur said, the new tower has only one problem.

The elevator isn't working. For the 24 firemen, the new facility "rocks," said Master Sgt. Mike Amacker, deputy fire chief.

The old fire station had been enlarged time and again over decades, making it an inefficient building, he said. That has been corrected in the new building, designed from the beginning as a fire station.

"Every room, for one thing, empties out into the main bay so the guys can go to the trucks im-mediately," he said.

It provides better facilities for cleaning and maintaining equip-ment and "vastly improved living conditions," he said.

In his remarks, Devereaux said, "It's the kind of facility our troops deserve.

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Aviano team kicks in for charity

Base soccer players participate in fund-raising tournament

BY KENT HARRIS

Stare and Strings

PIANTE D'AVIANO, Italy For the third straight year, the hase soccer team at Aviano is donating a day on the pitch to help bring some sunshine to needy kids.

The team will be one of 15 tak-

ing part in a daylong tournament Sunday in a nearby community to raise money to bring more than two dozen kids from Belarus to Italy. The tournament, put on by the group Il Sole Dopo La Nube - or the Sun After the Cloud has been generating funds for more than a decade. Most of the teams come from organizations in the Aviano area.

Lorenzo Torres, an Air Force master sergeant with the 31st Lo-

gistics Readiness Squadron, said it's the last chance for the team to have some competition for the season — and it helps out a good cause at the same time.

But the brand of soccer is a bit different than what most of the Americans are used to. Because so many teams need to play so many games in a short period of time, the games are limited to 10

minutes each. And each squad consists of only seven players. "It's really fast-paced," said Torres, who will serve as coach and also play. Though most mem-bers play on the base's men's team, they'll also have a member of the women's squad — Rebecca

Lasch - on their side. Action which starts at 9:30 a.m., should end around nightfall with the championship game.

Torres said the base team hasn't done all that well in the past, but he's hopeful they'll advance further this year.

"We always get stuck with the heavy teams," he said.

Teams are playing in the tournament to raise money to bring children from Belarus — still hav-ing health problems after the ernobyl nuclear disaster of 1986 — into Italy for a short stay in a healthier environment. Food booths will be set up at the event. with proceeds going to the effort. Donations also will be accepted at the tournament.

The fields are located behind a church less than a mile from Area 1 on the road leading to Castello d'Aviano

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Sigonella residents asked to conserve water

BY KENDRA HELMER

Stars and Stripes

Residents of a Sigonella, Sicily, housing area are being asked to conserve water following a shortage. Last week, the owner of Mineo Housing Area imposed water hours on about 300 homes. Residents were asked to shut off their water a couple of hours

The problem was resolved Friday, when the contractor agreed to lift the hours and truck in additional water if needed, said Lt. Steve Curry, spokesman

for Naval Air Station Sigonella. "The water supply that we get from the Mineo consortium wasn't the best quality, so it was bogging down the filtration system," Curry said in a tele-

phone interivew The contractor cleaned the filters but still was not able to produce enough water to meet the demand. The contractor drew water from the reserve tanks and then imposed water hours to ensure those tanks didn't dry un The problem was compounded by excessive

water usage, Cmdr. Bob Gibbs, Sigonella's public works officer, wrote in the base newspaper. He said the average American family uses about five times the amount of water as a Sicilian family.

The base is urging residents to conserve water by following these tips:

■ Water the lawn early in the morning

Run the sprinkler for 30 minutes.

■ Don't leave sprinklers or hoses unattended. Close the bath drain before turning water on

Maintain full dishwasher and laundry loads.

■ Repair dripping faucets. E-mail Kendra Helmer at: helmerk@mail.estripes.osd.mil

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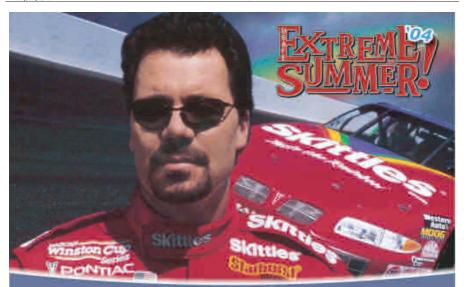
NAPLES, Italy - The Naval Support Activity Naples Housing Department offices in Gricignano housing warehouse and the hous-

ing office in Gaeta will be closed for most of Friday for an official function.

The Naples offices and warehouse will close at 11:30 a.m. and

Housing emergencies will still be taken, either at the NSA Naples quarterdeck at 626-5547 civilian 081-568-5547, or at Gaeta at





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IN THE WORLD

Israel worried about Iran's nuclear plans, U.N. inspector says

The Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel - Israel is extremely concerned about Iran's nuclear ambitions, the head of the U.N. atomic watchdog agency said Wednesday, an indication that the issue is preventing any change

in Israel's nuclear policy. "They're expressing concern about Iran." Mohamed El-Baradei, director gener al of the International

Atomic Ener gy Agency, said after talks with senior officials at Israel's secretive nuclear

energy agency. ElBaradei arrived in Israel on Tuesday to pitch for a Middle East free of nuclear weapons. Israel refuses to discuss its nuclear capacities, but it is thought to be the only state in the Middle East possessing nuclear weapons

Later Wednesday, ElBaradei was scheduled to meet with the Israeli health minister and take an aerial tour over the country.

While declining to go into details about his talks, ElBaradei indicated Wednesday that fear that Tehran was trying to develop nuclear arms was a dominant ElBaradei's agency is probing

nearly two decades of suspect nuactivities in Iran that the United States, Israel and others say reflect attempts to make such

Tehran insists it only wants nuclear energy to generate nower. but several IAEA reports over the past year have suggested the Islamic Republic has not fully cooperated with agency inspectors and has failed to clear up suspicions about its aims.

ElBaradei has suggested that the Israelis should at least consider loosening their taboo on talking about nuclear arms as part of any long-term Middle East settlement that would rid the region of such weapons.

He acknowledged Tuesday that he had no "magic wand" to change Israel's policy of so-called nuclear ambiguity

"But in the long run you need to build a system, where nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction will not be part of your security structure,

Washington, Secretary of State Colin Powell declined to take a stand Tuesday on whether Israel should be forced to open its reactors to inspection.

But Powell, at a joint news conference with Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom, renewed his demand for international pressure on Iran to stop what Washington says are attempts to build

Earlier Tuesday, Israel Army Radio rebroadcast comments made in May by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who said he would not budge from the country's traditional "no show, no tell" policy.

A Yemeni soldier patrols the perime ter of the central courthouse in San'a, Yemen, on Wednesday, After several delays, the trial of suspects in the Octoher 2000 attack on the USS Cole began amid tight security. Seventeen U.S. sailors died in the attack.

USS Cole bombing trial begins

Six Yeminis charged in attack that killed 17 sailors

BY AHMED AL HAJ

The Associated Press

SAN'A, Yemen - A security court Wednesday opened the first trial in the bombing of the USS Cole, charging six Yemenis with planning the October 2000 attack. claiming they were members of Osama bin Laden's terrorist net-

Seventeen American sailors were killed when two suicide bombers in an explosives-laden boat rammed the USS Cole as it refueled in the southern Yemeni port city of Aden. The bombing was blamed on al-Qaida

Among the six charged in San'a Wednesday was accused master mind Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, who is in U.S. custody, but it was unclear where. The other five were in court Wednesday.

Al-Nashiri was accused of planning and funding the attack and training the cell members who

The United States announced al-Nashiri's arrest in November 2002, saying he had been detained in an undisclosed country and transferred to American custody. Western diplomats later identified the country as the United Arab Emirates, and Emirates officials confirmed that in Decem-

U.S. officials believe the Saudiborn al-Nashiri is a close associate of bin Laden. In addition to the Cole attack, he is suspected of helping direct the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. U.S. officials claim al-Nashiri gave telephone orders to

An official at the U.S. Embassy in Yemen declined to comment on the trial and did not disclose al-Nashiri's whereabouts nor say whether he would be handed over to Yemeni authorities.

As the oft-delayed trial began, Judge Najib al-Oaderi read a list of charges that included forming an armed gang to carry out criminal acts against the interests of the state, belonging to al-Qaida. resisting authorities and forging

The defendants present refused to plead and asked for law-

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No serious injuries in 1st day of bull runs



PAMPLONA, Spain - Several people were trampled but not seriously hurt Wednesday as thousands took part in the first bull run of the San Fermin festival, dashing along the slipperv cobblestone streets of this ancity in northern Spain.

"Running ahead of bulls is life and I wanted to feel alive," said Ray Sabbatini, 36, of Wisconsin, who suffers from multiple sclerosis and was accompanied by his friend Dennis Rodman retired National Basketball League star.

None of the runners was gored, and only four injuries were serious enough to require treatment. Two bulls skidded and fell, as did some run ners after a night of rain left the

For all the hype, the actual run is just 900 yards and lasts little more

than two minutes from the starting corral to the finish in the bull ring.

Runners dressed in the traditional white shirts and trousers with red scarves. Many ran ahead of the five bulls from the Torrestrella ranch, staying as close as possible without risk-

ing getting gored.

The bull runs continue daily, start-

ing at 8 a.m., through July 14.

The San Fermin festival, renowned for its all-night street parties, dates back to the late 16th century. But it gained worldwide fame from Ernest Hemingway's 1926 novel "The Sun

Also Rises."

The bulls were originally run through town to get them to the ring for bullfights held each afternoon of the festival. But over the years, it has become popular to run in front of the

The last fatality was an American killed in 1995.

EU gives Britain warning against punishing cross-border shoppers

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium - The European Union on Wednesday warned Britain to stop taxing and seizing goods from British shoppers bringing home cheaper alcohol and tobacco products from other EU countries, threatening legal action if the policy is not changed in two months.

The EU head office has been pushing Britain to change its customs policy, which union officials say violates the right of consumers to import goods for personal use without having it taxed toms union issues again in Britain

Taxes on alcohol and ciga-rettes are much cheaper in France and Belgium than in Britain, and British authorities say their customs policies are needed to keep a lid on smugglers who import goods from Europe for commercial resale.

But "we still do not see eye to eye on the penalties applied for minor offenses," said Frits Bolkestein, the EU's commissioner in charge of taxation and cus-

The Commission said it would take Britain to court if the country continues to ignore its demands, a move that could lead to hefty fines for London for disobeying EU internal market

EU spokesman Jonathan Todd said British efforts to curb smuggling of alcohol and cheap tobac co from France for commercial goods was acceptable, but said doing so against legitimate consumers was "disproportionate."



At Shish, a trendy restaurant in North London, offers diners the oppor

tunity to learn if they are descended from rampaging Mongol leader

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The kin of Khan

London restaurant offers DNA test for link to Mongol leader with free meal as a prize

BY JILL LAWLESS The Associated Press

LONDON - A London restaurant is offering diners the chance to learn whether they are descended from the rampaging Mongol ruler Genghis Khan and win a free meal if they are.

The promotion by the restaurant Shish has proved surprisingly popular, exemplifying how Genghis Khan, once reviled in the West as a tyrant, has gained new respect in his own country and ng academics.

"We've had Mongolian people who've traveled across London to give us their details," said Hugo Malik, bar manager of Shish which is giving away one DNA test at each of its two London branches every day through Fri-day. "They said, 'Grandad always used to tell us we were descended from Genghis Khan.'

Grandad may have been right. Oxford Ancestors, the firm doing the testing, says 16 to 17 million men in Central Asia share a pattern of Y chromosomes within their genetic sequences that indicates probable descent from Genghis Khan, who conquered vast tracts of Asia and Europe in the 12th and 13th centuries and sired many offspring

"He was an all-conquering tribal leader," said David Ashworth, a geneticist who is Oxford Ancestors' chief executive "He took their cities, he took their land, he took their women."

Lacking any tissue samples from Genghis Khan, the tests are based on an assessment of probabilities

The tests are part of the bur-geoning field of bioarchaeology, which uses biological techniques to learn about our ancient ancestors. Founded four years ago by Oxford University geneticist Bryan Sykes, Oxford Ancestors offers DNA testing to people around the world eager to trace their genetic roots

Sykes believes DNA can be used to map humanity's common ancestry. In 1994, he extracted DNA from the Iceman, a frozen 5,000-year-old corpse found in the Tyrolean Alps, and identified a woman living in Britain as his descendant.

Shish, a trendy diner specializing in grilled kebabs inspired by the cooking of Central Asia and the Middle East, says it is offering the tests in honor of the Mongolian government's decision to reintroduce surnames.

IN THE STATES

Kerry, Edwards hit campaign trail together

BY LIZ SIDOTI The Associated Press

CLEVELAND - An upbeat John Kerry campaigned for the first time with running mate John Edwards on Wednesday and boasted that the Democratic team has a "better vision, better ideas" than its Republican counterpart - and joked, "we've got better

One day after Kerry chose Edwards as the vice presidential candidate, the two senators offered glowing critiques of each other at a downtown plaza in Ohio, a critical battleground state.

Introducing Edwards in Cleve land, the first city to get electricity, Kerry welcomed "a different kind of electricity called John Ed-"a different wards." The Massachusetts senator called his running mate a man with "passion, conviction and strength."

"He represents the best of the hope of our country, the best of opportunity." Kerry said.

Kerry also poked fun at himself as well as his running mate for something the two often are teased about

"We've got better vision, better ideas, real plans. We've got a better sense of what's happening to America — and we've got better hair," Kerry said, laughing.

In turn, Edwards praised Kerry for showing "strength and courage and determination" during the Democratic primary. "And the truth is, it's the same



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., and his running mate Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., arrive Wednesday for a photo opportunity at Kerry's Pittsburgh residence.

strength, courage and leadership that he showed his whole life." he

Kerry and Edwards sought to dispel any notion of ill-will from the primary campaign by embracing and laughing together like old friends. The two - both millionaires - promised that together they would fight for the middle class. And, they criticized Presi-

Still, the entire day had a celebratory feel - all part of the campaign's plan to introduce the Democratic ticket before the convention in Boston July 26-29 - and it

was definitely a family affair Earlier, the candidates, their wives and children appeared on the Kerry family's suburban Pitts burgh estate for family photographs before heading to Ohio and then to Florida to kick off four days of campaigning that will end Saturday with a rally in Edwards' home state of North Carolina

Edwards, a constant grin on his face, said he had assumed when Kerry called him on Tuesday morning that it was another reporter calling. "I was very pleased to have gotten the news,

"This is a great privilege for me - a great opportunity to serve my country, which I love so

Bush dismisses Edwards as a challenger to Chenev

BY PETE YOST

The Associated Press RALEIGH, N.C. — President

Bush on Wednesday curtly dismissed Democratic Sen. John Edwards' political skills and experience as a rival to his vice president, telling reporters "Dick Cheney can be president."

Bush, campaigning in Edwards' home state of North Carolina, said he was unconcerned about the potential of Edwards to help carry states in the South - the backbone of Bush's political support.

"When they go to the polls to vote for president, they'll under-stand the senator from Massachusetts doesn't share their values," Bush said. "I'm going to carry the South because the peo-

ple understand that they share we share values When a reporter noted that

Edwards was being described as "charming, engaging, a nimble campaigner, a populist and even sexy" and then asked "How does he stack up against Dick Cheney?" the president immediately responded, can be president. Cheney

After Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry selected Edwards as his running mate Tuesday, the Bush campaign and the Republican Party immediately began criticizing Edwards' level of experience. He is serving his first term as a North Carolina senator, his only elective office after a 20-year career as a trial lawyer.

dearly." Edwards said.

Kerry said the two families spent last night talking about the announcement and having fun getting to know each other better. He joked that the ticket was announcing a new campaign manag-

"Jack Edwards is taking over everything," Kerry quipped, re-ferring to Edwards' 4-year-old son, "He does a wild cannonball,"

Amid questions about the depth of Edwards' experience after less than six years in the Senate, the Kerry campaign on Wednesday defended the selec-

'He brings a great deal to the table and actually more than the current president did when he elected in 2000," Mary Beth Cahill, the Kerry-Edwards campaign manager, told "Good Morn-ing America" on ABC.

Sept. 11 commission sticks with limited al-Qaida-Iraq connections

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Sept. 11 commission is standing by its finding that al-Qaida had only limited contact with Iraq before the terrorist attacks.

The 10-member, bipartisan panel issued a one-sentence statement Tuesday saying it had access to the same information as Vice President Dick Cheney, who suggested strong ties between ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and al-Oaida.

That assertion was one of the justifications the Bush administration gave for going to war with Iraq. In a preliminary report released last month, the Sept. 11 commission cited contacts between Saddam's regime and Osama bin Laden but said there was no "collaborative relationship

In an interview with CNBC, Cheney had said there "probably" was information about Irag's links to terrorists that the commission members did not learn during their 14-month investigation. The commission statement Tuesday disputed that.

"After examining available transcripts of the vice president's

sion believes it has access to the same information the vice president has seen regarding contacts between al-Qaida and Iraq prior to the 9/11 attacks," the commission said. The commission's vice chair-

former Democratic Rep. Lee Hamilton of Indiana, said on ABC's "This Week" that the panel 'asked the vice president if he had information we did not

"Obviously, if there is some information, we need it," he said.

But Cheney's spokesman, Kevin Kellems, denied that the commission asked the vice president for additional information. Since no information was pro-

vided, the panel wished to make clear that after some dou-ble-checking it was basing its findings on the same intelligence and material that Cheney had, Democratic commissioner Timothy Roemer said in an interview.

"Our position is firm, unchanged and committed to our previous finding," said Roemer, a former congressman from Indiana, "We have not discovered collaboration-cooperation between al-Qaida and Iraq in general termrist activities across the world against the United States.

Kellums, however, said the vice president was satisfied the panel had all relevant information to make an accurate determination. Cheney's main concern was about some media reports suggesting that al-Qaida and Iraq had no ties whatsoever, he said.

"We are pleased with today's statement from the 9/11 commission, which puts to rest a non-story," Kellems said. "As we have said all along, the administration has provided the commission with unprecedented access to sensitive information so they can perform their mission

Kellems added that Cheney "did not criticize the commis-sion's work" and said, "We look forward to reading the commission's final report."

The commission, which faces a July 26 deadline to issue its final report, is winding down its 11/2 year investigation into what went wrong and why.

Commissioners already have submitted substantial portions of the report to the White House for review and are meeting this week to hash out recommendations into how to prevent future attacks.

Proposals under consideration include creating a domestic intelligence agency modeled after Britain's MI5.

Portland archdiocese to file for bankruptcy protection

BY RUKMINI CALLIMACHI The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. molested by a priest left James Devereaux with nobody to confess to. What he could not find at the confessional as a boy, Devereaux hoped he would find in court as a man

But just as Devereaux and his lawyer were preparing to sue the late Rev. Maurice Gram-mond, the Portland Archdiocese announced Tuesday it was filing for bankruptcy

The archdiocese took action because of the steep costs from clergy sex abuse lawsuits, halting the trial of a lawsuit against Grammond, accused of sexually abusing more than 50 boys in the 1980s

Devereaux said he would persevere despite the Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing, an unprecedented step that could open the Roman Catholic archdiocese to new levels of court scrutiny.

"We will continue our fight to finally get the archdiocese to accept the sin of its crimes," said Devereaux, a 52-year-old rancher who said he was raped repeatedly by Grammond beginning in 1964 in the southern Oregon logging town of Oakridge.

"I had been taught as a child that God is Almighty," he said, and the priest is his representa-

No other American diocese has filed for bankruptcy, though Boston threatened to do so at the height of the abuse crisis that erupted there two years ago. The Diocese of Tucson, Ariz., has said it will decide whether to seek court protec-tion before an abuse trial there in September.

Plaintiffs in the two lawsuits involving Grammond have sought a total of more than \$160

The archdiocese and its insurers already have paid more than \$53 million to settle more than 130 claims dating to 1950 by people who say they were abused by priests. Most of those lawsuits have been filed since 1999.

The bankruptcy filing in-cludes claims against the dio-cese from 20 pending priest abuse lawsuits, ranging in amounts from \$5.1 million to \$135 million. It also includes what appears to be a \$22.3 million bank loan.

The filing did not include a list of the archdiocese's assets, which will be filed later.

Archbishop John G. Vlazny

said the archdiocese tried to set-tle with the plaintiffs, but could not afford their offer.

Report: Administration broke no laws hiding Medicare costs

Democrats say findings reveal unethical behavior

BY MARK SHERMAN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats say an internal Bush administration investigation into the new Medicare law confirms there was a coordinated effort to keep its true costs from Congress and the public

public.
The Health and Human Services Department inspector general said in a report released Tuesday that administration officials broke no laws in withholding the cost esport described the aggressive tactics that were used to keep law-makers from learning that the administration had estimates of the legislation's cost that were S100 billion more than the president and other officials were acknowledging.

Thomas Scully, the administration's Medicare chief until December, threatened to fire chief Medicare actuary Richard Foster brevent him from giving information to lawmakers. Scully, then the administrator of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, "has the final authority to determine the flow of information to Congress," the unsigned report said.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass, said Tuesday: "The IG's report describes the extraordinary deception of Bush administration officials to cover up the true costs of the Medicare bill. What they did was clearly wrong by any definition."

Other Democrats said the inspector general's inquiry was narrowly tailored, underscoring the need for an independent investigation that also looks at what role the White House may have played in the suppression of information.

"It sounds as though the Bush

administration examined itself and found it did nothing wrong," said Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., senior Democrat on the House Ways and Means health subcommittee.

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Despite the reaction from Democrats, the administration said the report should be the end of the matter. That seemed unlikely since the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, also is looking into whether the gag refer on Foster violated feder-



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Laura Cousino Klein, assistant professor of biobehavioral health at Penn State University, discusses the results of her study on stress and snacking last month in State College, Pa. The study found that after a stressful event women were more likely than men to snack on fatty foods.

Stressed women turn to fatty snack foods, new study reveals

BY DAN LEWERENZ

The Associated Press
STATE COLLEGE, Pa.

Tough day at work? That might be one more reason to watch what you eat when you get home. It is well-established that peo-

ple often eat to relieve stress.

But a study published in the monthly Journal of Applied Social Psychology found that even after the stress was over, women who were more frustrated by it ate more fatty foods than those who were not as frustrated.

One surprising finding: Men's snack preferences stayed the same, regardless of their stress levels. "A lot of studies have looked at

what happens during stress," said lead researcher Laura Cousino Klein, assistant professor of biobehavioral health at Penn State University. "What we wanted to know is what happens after the stress is over."

Klein and her colleagues pre-

sented the participants with a variety of tasks over 25 minutes while randomly blasting them with office sounds—a phone ringing, a typewriter clacking—at 108 decibels, the same noise level you would get standing next to a jackhammer.

After that time was up, the participants were left alone for 12 minutes and offered a magazine, water and a tray of snacks — fatty cheese, potato chips and white chocolate, and lowfat popcorn, pretzels and jelly beans.

After they had snacked, they were asked to trace their way through an unsolvable maze.

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Those women whose stress
level was the highest during the
maze exercise — their blood pressure and heart rate remained
high, and they quickly showed
frustration with the maze — tended to eschew the lowfat snacks in
favor of fathier treats.

Women who were highly frustrated by the noise stress ate 65 to 70 grams of the fatty snacks during the break, twice as much as the women who were not as frustrated.

Klein said a corollary can be seen most weekends, when people are most likely to binge drink or stray from their diets.

Study: New blood thinner makes little difference

CHICAGO — A newer blood thinner is no better than the old standby at treating victims of heart attacks or chest pain, according to two major studies involving nearly 14,000 patients.

While the newer drug — enoxaparin — is more convenient to use than heparin, it also caused modest increases in bleeding, the studies found. The results are likely to add to the debate among cardiologists over which drug to use.

The studies appear in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association. One was funded by enoxaparin's maker, New Jersey-based Aventis Inc.

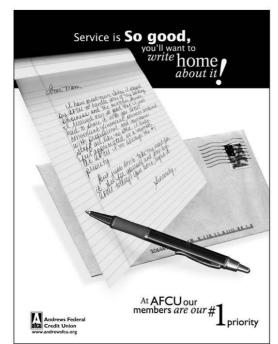
Study: Soy not good substitute for estrogen pills

CHICAGO — A new study casts doubt on the value of soy powder as a substitute for estrogen pills. Dutch researchers found that soy did not increase bone density in postmenopausal women, and did not improve their memory or cholesterol levels either.

"The results are, of course, very disappointing," said study co-author Dr. Sanne Kreijkamp-Kaspers of University Medical Center in Utrecht. "It would have been nice to have soy as an alternative." Many women and doctors have been looking for alternatives to es-

Many women and doctors have been looking for alternatives to estrogen because of recent findings linking estrogen-progestin supplements to heart disease, breast cancer and senility.

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Film is a documentary

Concerning Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11" (July 5), the correct film industry categorization is "documentary.

Despite the director's message, it is still art. Unfortunately, not everyone is aware of the definitions of film genre.

The political views of filmmakers is something we as soldiers should be proud of, not full of contempt for, regardless of our perspectives. It is through the greatness of art that our unique perspectives of the world stimulate others, especially when provocative.

Men and women wearing our uniform have fought, been maimed and died to give Americans the privilege of speaking out against what they would perceive as unconstitutional or as an abuse of our sacred trust. To accuse one another without reviewing the evidence is a transgression of our most basic value: liberty.

Ligined the Army to conscientiously pro vide protection of this value. It is the right and obligation of a citizen to hold the gov ernment responsible for its actions. It is a great responsibility that is entrusted to our congressional and senatorial representatives and more so to our president.

I hope that the idea of American liberty born these 228 years ago is not forgotten nor obscured by the most pernicious of human depravities: self-righteous intoler-

> 2nd Lt David de la Vega Baghdad

Wanted: Just the facts

My compliments to the Navy lieutenant who wrote that The Associated Press poll on the war was hogwash (July 1) Some real facts to go with the garbage

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(that seems to be continuously spewed by the media these days) would really go a long way in re-establishing our belief in the honesty and integrity of the media.

From now on, when you quote a poll such as that AP poll (which would have people believe that more than 50 percent of Americans disapprove of the war effort) you owe it to your readers to state evactly what data from what population and what questions were used to generate the results. It is not enough to simply state the margin of error was plus or minus 4 points. If you are going to state the results as if they are factual and represent the entire country, state this critical information, too. As the writer proved, he was quickly able to conduct a poll showing that 80 percent approved the war effort.

Why didn't you make his poll headline news

I just conducted a poll and asked 10 people if they thought Stars and Stripes provided unbiased, unopinionated reporting

of events. Seven of 10 responded no! I expect to see a headline in your paper reading "70 percent of Americans cite Stars and Stripes as lacking honesty and integri-

ty.' When are all the media (not just Stars and Stripes) going to quit trying to portray events the way they want them portrayed, quit putting their spin on events for their own agenda, and simply report the facts. We average folks want the facts not the

Dan LaChance

Heidelberg, Germany

Comparing prices

A few days ago the post exchange had an insert called "Savings Blast" in the Stars and Stripes. The following day I carried this insert with me to a civilian supermarket to compare prices for the exact items. Here are a couple of my findings:

■ Bounty paper towels, three-pack: PX price, 2 for \$5; German market everyday price, 2.19 euros per pack (about \$2.75)

Charmin toilet paper, 12 pack, white: PX price, 2 for \$6; German market everyday price, 2.95 euros per pack (about \$3.75)

I also checked the prices of the Crest toothpaste in the civilian supermarket and all were equal or better than the PX price

The Downy, Cascade and Tide were about the same as civilian stores. The prices of the Ivory, Olay and Zest soaps are cheaper in the civilian store.

When I first enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1938, the PX and commissary were real benefits for that little GI, but today their main attraction is that they're

> (Retired) Capt. John W. Johnson Walldurn-Glashofen, Germany

Exploration bringing us closer to space

The Philadelphia Inquirer

on't look now, but 2004 is shap ing up as one of the most memorable years ever for space exploration.

In February, we had a veritable convention of probes from the United States, Britain and Europe gathering around Mars. The U.S. rovers Spirit and Opportunity, which have been rumbling around Mars since January, are still sending back info, beyond the predicted length of their mis-

Two weeks ago, we saw those private-enterprise cowboys, Scaled Composites of Mojave, Calif., shoot a dude into the exo sphere, a true first in space annals. There's a lot more where that came from And last week, the massive Cassini-Huy-

gens space probe eased into an orbit

around Saturn.

Cassini is a real trash-truck of a thing, the biggest interplanetary craft ever (12,600 pounds, the size and weight of a school bus, it's often said). It's a \$3.3 billion collaboration among the United States and 16 other nations. It's bristling with gadgets to do everything from measuring Saturn's magnetic fields to releasing the Huygens probe to land on Titan, a moon of Saturn's thought to have atmosphere like Earth's when Earth was young. We speak cavalierly of matters that actu-

ally are unbelievable. To get into orbit, Cassini had to ascend through the rings, then fire its engine for 95 minutes to then descend through the rings again and settle into place. It was a teeth-gritting process. commanded at a distance of 900 million miles plus, so unimaginably far that radio signals take 80 minutes to get there from here, and vice versa.

And so far, it's working splendidly. Cassini already has transmitted heart-stop ping photos of Saturn. We have seen the moon Phoebe close enough to determine that it is probably a captured asteroid. And, in photos that would win awards if they were paintings, Cassini has sent back images of Saturn's rings, showing "density waves," ripple-patterns in the rings caused by gravitational waves.

And we'll see much more, especially when little Huvgens hunkers down on Titan, an encounter scheduled for December. If nothing else, this massive project shows us how sheer vision and brainpower can bring us closer to undreamed-of beauty, especially when we sidle up to Saturn, loveliest object in a lovely solar sys-

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

OPINION

Campaign skills vaulted Edwards over pack

irst things first.

That is what John Kerry must have said to himself when he chose John Edwards as his running mate over alternatives with far more experience



in government and far better credentials to David Broder take over as president

on a moment's notice. In picking Edwards the first-term senator from North Carolina, the Democratic pres dential candidate relied on the most obvious political criteria He allied himself with the best campaigner in the 2004 field of candidates and the man with

the largest personal fol-

lowing, after Kerry himself, in their party The choice had everything to do with Mission One, winning the election, and precious

little to do with governing the nation In that respect, it is — as Republicans were quick to point out — a vivid contrast to the choice President Bush made four years ago in selecting Dick Cheney for his ticket. In campaign terms, Cheney brought almost nothing. He comes from Wyoming, a safe Re publican state with only three electoral votes. He is a mediocre stump speaker.

What Cheney brought was an impressive governmental résumé, as a former White House chief of staff, the No. 2 Republican leader in the House and the secretary of de-

fense during the first Gulf War.

For the young governor of Texas, devoid of Washington experience, the choice of Cheney was an important boost

WASHINGTON in governance credentials

That Cheney has proved to be both influential and controversial comes as no surprise In Kerry's case, he obviously feels that hi own Washington experience - 19 years of Senate service, including a major role in for-

eign policy - needs no bolstering. So Dick Gephardt, with his years as Democratic leader in the House, and Sen. Bob Graham, with his expertise in intelligence issues, were lux uries Kerry thought he did not need.

Instead, he went for the man who is most likely to add votes to the Democratic column by his personal campaigning. Edwards has own an uncanny ability to connect with both core Democratic constituencies and independent voters in every campaign he has run. That is how he won his Senate race against a GOP incumbent six years ago

And it is how he came from far behind to become Kerry's toughest challenger in contests from Iowa through Super Tuesday.

Edwards — a skilled trial lawyer — learns as he goes. His stump speech when I first saw him in New Hampshire early in 2003 was acceptable but not overwhelming. By the time he got back to New Hampshire nine months later, it was a thing of beauty a populist depiction of "two Americas," divided between the privileged and the work-ing people, but devoid of the anger and fruson so often linked to populism

Edwards knew he had found a theme that resonated, and he delivered the speech six or eight times a day, without variation, win-

ning votes at almost every stop.

I came away thinking that if Edwards had had Kerry's organization, he would have

been the nominee. The question in many minds was whether Kerry would be comfortable running with a man whose stump skills were as great as the

nights before the Wisconsin primary], Kerry complained to his aides that Edwards' criticisms of his trade record were unfair even though they seemed mild to outsiders

But the bad blood was dissolved by political calculations that Edwards could help the ticket, not just by forcing Bush to work for North Carolina, but - more importantly in Appalachian parts of Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania and the small towns of the Midwest.

The partnership has a sounder basis than many outsiders realize. In private conversations with reporters early in

At the time. Kerry was more skentical of Edwards' credentials, saying he had not been overly impressed by his Senate work. But in one such conversation, Teresa Heinz Kerry broke in to say of Edwards' wife, Elizabeth, "She's terrific." To which her hushand agreed.

This ticket was forged back in January. when Kerry and Edwards finished one-two in the Iowa caucuses. The Democrats could have done a lot worse.

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ENERGIZE WHAISIZNAMES ambitions that had carried him so far so fast. their competition for the presidential At a Democratic dinner in Milwaukee three nomination, Edwards was always complimentary of Kerry. ...

Modern battles expose F-22 Raptor's limitations a joint exercise in February, U.S. Air bombs, the venerable B-52 bomber could the specifications for the F-22 was that it fit

Force pilots flying our current top-of-the-line fighter, the F-15C, got their lunches eaten by Indian air force pilots flying new, and not-so-new, Rus-

sian jets. The Air Force Jack Kelly won't disclose exactly how the mock engage ments came out, but Gen. Hal Hornburg. head of Air Combat Command, said after the ex-ercise: "We may not be as far ahead of the rest of the world as we once

thought we were.' Part of the reason for the strong Indian performance could be superior training, the Air Force

acknowledged. But the main reason, they said, is that the F-15C, first fielded in 1979, is showing its age 'We've taken the F-15 about as far as we

can, and now it is time to move on to the next generation," said Col. Mike Snodgrass, commander of the USAF fighters that took part in exercise Cope India.

The next generation is the F-22 Raptor, which will complete testing this year. The Air Force has a "minimum requirement" for 381 F₂22s at an estimated cost of \$72 billion The Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps plan to spend \$200 billion on the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, which won't be fielded before 2007.

Its critics acknowledge that the F-22 is far and away the finest aircraft of its type ever built. But one thing that happened in Afghanistan - and one thing that didn't - have some military experts doubting the Air Force needs the F-22 and the F-35 in the quantities it is seeking.

What happened is that, thanks to the phenomenal accuracy of satellite-guided provide close air support to ground troops from high in the sky. Bombers are now superior to fighters in providing close air support, because they can carry a larger amount and a greater variety of ordnance, and can stay on station longer

What didn't happen was Air Force fighters playing more than a token role in the Afghan war. There were no air bases close enough from which they could operate

The difficulty in obtaining foreign basing rights and an aging tanker fleet mean there are many possible contingencies in which Air Force fighters could not make a timely response, said retired Air Force Col. John Warden, who planned the air campaign in the first Gulf War

In addition, Warden said, overseas air bases have to be protected from terrorist attacks, and they are lucrative targets for sur-

"It's not clear that there are countries out there salivating to take on the U.S. Air Force in air-to-air combat," said retired Army Col. Andrew Krepinovich, who heads the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments in Washington. "If we were to face a more con-ventional enemy, what would make sense for them is to invest in missile forces. That's what you see countries like North Korea and Iran doing

The F-22 was born crippled, thanks to the time it takes to get new weapons from the drawing board to the field, Warden said.

"I got a briefing on the F-22 prototype when I was at Bitburg [Air Base, then-West Germany] in 1986," Warden said. I told [the contractors] that it sounded like a swell airplane, but they ... should base it in En-

"They said they couldn't, because one of

into a NATO-generation shelter. And if it were small enough to fit into a NATO shelter, it wouldn't have enough range to strike targets in Eastern Europe if it were based in England.'

The Air Force should restrict the F-22 buy to about 100, cancel its version of the F-35, and challenge the aerospace industry to develop, in five years or so, a hypersonic bomber that could strike targets anywhere in the world from bases in the States, "Why go out and buy an airplane that is significantly behind the technology that's available?" Warden asked. "Nobody has challenged the aerospace industry for a long time."

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Crabby on imports

LA NEW ORLEANS The Louisiana crab industry is working on rallying support among Southern states to get the federal government to slap duties on imports from Venezuela and other nations.

The effort, in its early stages, is the latest move by a Louisiana seafood in-

dustry to get relief from imports. The crawfish industry has already won an antidumning case against Chinese crawfish tail meat, and shrimpers are awaiting a ruling on whether duties should be imposed on imports from six Asian

and South American countries. Crabbers, buoyed by what other fishermen and processors have done, want to file an antidumping petition with the U.S. Department of Commerce

Treasure in old stove

CENTRAL FALLS - A Central Falls landlord is sure glad he looked in an old stove before he threw it out Inside were vintage coins and nearly \$4,000 worth of gold and silver bars.

Vincent Bilotti came across the stove when he was cleaning the Broad Street apartment of a longtime tenant who had died recently of cancer. He pried open the coal-burning chamber and found several wrapped parcels and canisters. The Times of Pawtucket reported.

The cans had plastic bags with ancient pennies — wartime zinc, Indian head and wheat. The brown paper packages had 133 one-ounce gold and silver bars. There we also five-dollar bills minted in 1851 and solid-silver dollars from the

Bilotti said he'll make sure the valuables get to either Ben Mizera's wife or a relative.

"It's possible that they had for-gotten about it years ago," he said.

Lineup change wanted

BOSTON - Norfolk District Attorney William R. Keating, troubled by a series of wrongful convictions in Massachusetts, is pushing for changes in the investigators conduct police lineups. Keating wants to make sure offic-

ers conducting lineups don't know which person in the lineup is the suspect

That way, police won't be able to use their own reactions, either deliberately or accidentally, to influence a witness into choosing the suspect Police also would be asked to

show witnesses photographs of po-tential suspects one at a time instead of in groups. The new method has been approved by the U.S. Justice Department and has been shown to be more accurate.

Keating is expected to ask repre-sentatives of 27 police departments and six State Police barracks at a July 15 training session to adopt the new procedures.

Sign limits complaint

FERNDALE — The American Civil Liberties Union told municipalities in southeastern Michigan that ordinances limiting the display of campaign signs or lawns are repressing freedom of expression. The organization re-ceived a complaint from a Fern-



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dale resident ticketed for having more than one political sign in his yard last year. Local officials said the sign ordinances are needed to keep their communities looking

Allegations against DA

CA SACRAMENTO — A grand jury has recommended that a district attorney be publicly rebuked for making threatening remarks about reporters and attempting to intimidate employees who witnessed the incidents.

The Stanislaus County civil grand jury, an investigative panel that cannot hand up indictments, said District Attorney James Brazelton committed nine acts of willful misconduct.

During a Modesto Bee investigation into his credit card expenditures. Brazelton approached an employee, drew a gun from its holster and said, "This is what I would like to give that reporter," the grand jury report said Brazelton, 62, who has been in

the spotlight since his office became involved in the Laci Peterson murder case, denied making the remark and another accusation in volving handgun gestures, according to the report.

The grand jury called on the county Board of Supervisors to publicly rebuke Brazelton.

Everything's big in Texas

WACO - In a state as big as Texas, is there room for two Texas Rangers museums? Former members of the elite law



Dull day at the zoo A lioness vawns while sitting in the Denver Zoo's new predator exhibit in Denver.

enforcement agency think so. While the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco is seeking to expand, the Former Texas Rangers Foundation has bought 15 acres and raised more than \$1 million for the Texas Rangers History and Education Center in Kerrville, about 160 miles away in southwestern Hill Coun-

There is already a small museum for Texas Rangers in San Antonio, but former Rangers believe the Lone Star State is big enough for two major museums honoring the branch of state law enforcement that dates to 1823.

The modern Texas Rangers are an investigative division of the Texas Department of Public Safe-

Professor sues for firing

GA AMERICUS — A former Georgia Southwestern State University professor is suing the school. Mohammed Saheb said he was wrongfully terminated because he is Muslim. The computer technology professor says he was also forced to deal with derogatory comments about Iranians and Muslims while working at the university. A court date isn't expected for about a year.

Welcoming in Hmong

WAUSAU - The state made \$1 million available for job training to counties expecting to take in some 3.600 of the more than 15,000 Hmong leaving a temple compound in Thailand for the United States Wisconsin's welfare-to-work program will provide the training. Gov. Jim Doyle also created a task force to advise him on their resettlement

No stalking charges

BROOMFIELD — A report-er who published an account of being raped as a child and said he once considered killing his alleged attacker will not be charged with stalking the man, prosecutors said.

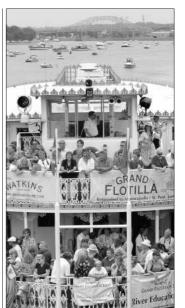
David Holthouse 33 whose account was published in the Denver alternative weekly Westword, was arrested on suspicion of stalking on May 29, allegedly because he had asked a friend to watch the alleged rapist's home.

Prosecutor Steve Bernard said the alleged attacker did not want to press charges.

In the May 13 Westword story, Holthouse described being raped at knifepoint at age 7 in 1978 by the teenage son of a family acquaintance. Holthouse wrote that he bought a gun and planned to kill the man but changed his mind after his parents found out about the assault

Signatures submitted

AR LITTLE ROCK — Supporters of a proposed amendment to the Arkansas constitution that would ban gay marriages and civil unions submitted signed netitions to get the measure before voters in November. The Arkansas Marriage Amendment Committee said it collected 200.693 signatures. Supporters need at least 80,570 signatures of registered voters to get the measure on the Nov. 2 hallot



The Anson Northrup pad-Rolling down the river dleboat goes through Lock and Dam No. 2 near Hastings, Minn., during the Grand Excursion.



From left, A.J. Holt. Time for a beauty routine 13, of Creola, Ala., Tiffany Harris, 13, of Chicago, and Brandon Holt, 9, of Creola, Ala., groom Beauty at Sandy Ridge Farm in Citronelle, Ala. The farm, which is owned by Harrison and Waynetta Black, hosts a camp every summer in which kids can learn about caring for and riding horses.



A splashy getaway
A suspect, top, tries to elude police in the Tar River in Rocky Mount,
N.C., after leading police on a chase. The vehicle the suspect was
August a charge specified and the charge specified in the suspect was taken into custody with
charges pending.



DIFEATIIS OF THISTIC Lance Sprunger of Goshen, Ind., plays with his new model plane at the Freedom Fest in Goshen, Ind. The annual show draws thousands to the airfield for demonstrations by a variety of aircraft.



Down the chute Matt Berst, 34, of Coralville, lowa, takes a ride down the bright-orange space bowl water slide during the opening of the new Coralville Community Aquatic Center in Coralville.



Pounding the pavement Children participating in the annual Whiskey Row Boot Race charge down Montezuma Street in Prescott, Ariz. The race, now in its 22nd year, is one of many events scheduled for the annual Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo.

Work to prevent outages

LAVALLETTE — Jersey Central Power & Light completed \$18 million in repairs to prevent recurrence of a power line failure. The outage last July 4th week-end left more than 34,000 homes and businesses along the shore without electricity.

The utility has since replaced old lines, added new ones and spent nearly \$2 million to reimburse businesses and homeowners for losses from the 63-hour black-

Great place to recreate

JACKSON — Teton County was ranked the top recreation area in the United States in a study by Colorado College on the state of the Rocky Mountains. The study noted that Jackson in Teton County is positioned as a gateway to the Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks. Hinsdale County, Colo, northeast of Durango, ranked second.

Park County was the only other Wyoming county in the top 10.

No clues in fish theft

AK ANCHORAGE — Something fishy happened to Ray Bolanos' luggage.

Somewhere between Anchorage and Seattle, about 40 meticulously wrapped and packed one-pound pieces of fresh-caught halibut vanished from his checked bags.
"I really just feel violated," Bol-

anos said from his home in Kenmore, Wash.

Bolanos said his bags appeared on the luggage carousel at Seatthe-Tacoma International Airport almost immediately after he arrived June 24. But one of the two coolers of fish was missing the rope he'd tied around it in Anchor-

Bolanos complained to Continental Airlines and both airports, but so far there have been no clues to what happened to the fish he caught on Kachemak Bay.

Easier to surf Honolulu

HI HONOLULU — Whether you're in Honolulu, N.C., Honolulu, Kan., or Honolulu, Alaska, starting this week, the Web address honolulu.gov will take you straight to the islands.

City officials said the federal

City officials said the rederal General Services Administration, which oversees the use of all ".gov" Internet addresses, gave the green light last month for the City and County of Honolulu to use the streamlined Web address.

It would replace the standard, more cumbersome co.honolulu.hi.us construction used by most municipalities.

Officials first sought to use the gov address three years ago, but were unable to secure the name due to competing claims by about 50 other municipalities that share the same name as Hawaii's capital, said U.S. Rep. Ed Case. D-Hawaii.

Transplants halted

VALHALLA — The cost-cutting at Westchester Medical Center has reached its transplant programs with the suspension of heart transplants and pancreas transplants

The head of the consulting team now running the financially beleaguered hospital said that not

enough transplants were being done to justify the cost of the pro-

"We have not seen the kind of volume that we would have liked, and, financially that is an issue for us now," said consultant Mary Brown

The hospital has done two heart transplants this year and 20 since the program started in 2001. There have been no pancreas transplants since 2002.

The 17 patients on the waiting list for a heart will be transferred to other centers, the hospital said.

Young and political

RICE LAKE — He hasn't reached voting age yet, but Jason Rae has earned a place at the red-hot center of the Democratic Party.

The 17-year-old has won the election to one of Wisconsin's four spots to the Democratic National Committee and will go to Boston's convention next month.

Rae will be a senior in high school next year and has an impressive résumé: first in his class, student council president, editor of the yearbook, active in his church. He's also earned his political chops. Rae serves on the re-election steering committee of Sen. Russ Feingold, has worked on the gubernatorial campaign of Tom Barrett and is a vice chairman of the Barron County Democratic

Rae started preparing himself since way back. At 5, he urged his parents to vote for Bill Clinton in 1992

"He's been watching C-SPAN for I don't know how long," said his father.

DNA database OK'd

ALBANY — A federal judge ruled that the law establishing New York state's database of DNA samples from convicted offenders is constitutional. U.S. District Judge Kevin Thomas Duffy found that the program, which seeks to match crime-scene DNA samples with those of known criminal offenders, doesn't violate protections against warrantless or suspicionless searches under the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Landfill allowed over limit HEDGESVILLE — Con-

cerned about health risks from uncollected garbage, state of-ficials allowed LCS North Mountain landfill to temporarily exceed its monthly 9,999-ton limit. State law requires landfills to close when they reach their tonnage limit. State and local officials plan to meet with the landfill's owner in July to discuss solutions.

Accident kills girl, 10

ALBANY — A 10-year-old girl died after accidentally falling from a tree house with a strap around her neck.

Authorities said Amanda Moon was playing with her cousins in her tree house in East Chatham when she placed a strap around her neck and fell about six feet. Amanda's father said she suffered brain damage and died at an

Albany hospital. East Chatham is 22 miles southeast of Albany.

Stories and photos from wire services

Wholesale robbery

Credit card theft at BJ's brings new attention to growing problem

BY MARK JEWELL

The Associated Press

BOSTON - The theft of computerized credit card data from one of the nation's biggest warehouse retail clubs is creating costly headaches for banks and leaving consumers with questions bevond whether the fraud affected

For consumer advocates and computer security experts, the theft at BJ's Wholesale Club raises nagging questions as lawmakers take new steps to crack down on identity theft: How many similar security breaches occur, and how many retailers choose not to warn the public when it happens? Some observers suspect such thefts are far more common than many realize

"I don't think this case was that much of an anomaly." said Carol Baroudi, a retail and computer security systems analyst from the Arlington-based firm Baroudi Bloor. "I think the fact that we've actually heard about it is different ... BJ's had the guts to come forward."

BJ's, the No. 3 membership warehouse club nationally behind Costco and WalMart's Sam's Club, disclosed the theft of com-

puterized information on some of its 8 million members' credit and debit cards on March 12 by issuing a consumer alert via a news release. The chain said only a "small fraction" of its members

appeared to have been affected. Natick-based BJ's now faces claims from some of more than a dozen banks that covered costs to replace hundreds of thousands of cards, reimburse consumers for fraudulent transactions, or both,

Experts say the case may have been the largest retail fraud of its kind, based on the number of cards replaced. Reissued cards were sent to customers across the 16 states where BJ's operates from Maine to Florida.

Consumer advocacy organiza-tions report receiving few consumer complaints about the BJ's theft. But problems linger for the roughly 15 financial institutions that issued cards used for fraudulent transactions, said Secret Service investigator Tim Buckley.

Buckley and bank officials declined to disclose losses from fraud reimbursement.

Sovereign Bank covered about 700 fraudulent transactions and is considering seeking restitution from BJ's, spokeswoman Ellen twice, at a cost of about \$1 million, once in May and again in early June after a glitch occurred with the first batch of cards.

"There are some pretty heavy losses out there," said Greg Smith, president of the Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union, which reissued cards to 14,000 of its members at a cost of \$100,000

"We do not think our members ought to bear this loss." Smith said.

BJ's, which has 150 clubs and 78 gas stations, disclosed in a June 9 regulatory filing that the claims it had received to date would not "have a material adverse effect" on its finances. Its stock has recently remained stable in the \$20 to \$25 range.

The company said it was notified by credit card issuers of fraudulent transactions non-BJ's locations." A computer security firm concluded the theft did not involve BJ's main database for card transactions, but likely was a decentralized breach 'involving club-level systems."

BJ's spokeswoman Amy Russ declined further comment. No arrests have been made

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The bank reissued 81,000 cards

and Secret Service investigators remain unsure whether the crime was an inside job or the work of hackers. They believe some suspects may be tied to a larger identity theft ring with international

lent transactions or both

"We cannot pinpoint exactly how the accounts have been com-promised," Buckley said. "Any talk of a hacker or hackers is speculative.

Some impetus to crack down further on identity theft may come from industry, since credit card issuers generally reimburse consumers for losses from fraudulent transactions, said Deirdre Cummings, consumer program director for the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group

Congress and state legislatures, meanwhile are strengthening identity theft laws and penalties — steps inspired, in part, by the increase in identity theft cases and research indicating that most thefts originate with workers stealing information from their employers.

A California law that took effect last year is believed to be the first to require banks and other companies to notify customers when a breach of customers' information is suspected. California also requires businesses to limit how and when they display con-

sumers' Social Security numbers.

A bill that cleared Congress June 25 establishes a new crime of aggravated identity theft change that would lead to lengthier sentences — and directs the U.S. Sentencing Commission to stiffen punishment for insider identity theft.



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ents and Sensibility
Money tip of the day Avoid cash advances

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK - Cash advances can be great in a pinch, but your credit may feel the pain. You can access credit-card

cash advances through ATMs or convenience checks, which are issued by your credit-card company. Most times, you use advances when you don't have enough cash and paying by credit isn't an option. But because the service is

meant to be used when you can pay back the money quickly, repeatedly taking cash advances can cost you big in both money and credit score

Most cash advances carry upfront fees of 2 percent to 4 percent of the amount advanced. In addition, the interest charges which may be more than a credit card's regular interest rate of 18 percent or so — start accumulating as soon as the ATM or cashier has deposited the cash in your hand. Some lenders may even require you to pay off your balance for other purchases before you can begin paying off the

higher-interest balance for cash advances.

Using cash advances also has the potential to hurt your credit score, says Ryan Sjoblad, public relations manager for Fair Isaac Corp., the company that developed software to assess a bor-

rower's credit risk.

Credit scores rate your financial behavior on a scale of 300 to 800 (higher is better). They are used by lenders to analyze credit risk and determine interest rates. The best interest rates are typically given to customers with scores of 700 or more.

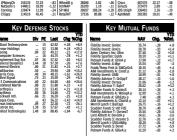
Your credit score is hurt when you use most of your available credit. Cash advances are figured into the balance, says Sjoblad, so taking one hefty advance or numerous smaller ones can lower your score until you pay back the money.

To find out what you'll really pay for cash advances, check your monthly statements for the specific fees and other charges associated with cash advances - the law requires card issuers to disclose such information

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General Electric	.80	21	31.83	+.16	+2
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Raytheon	.80	36	34,00	72	+13
Rockwell Intl.	.66	21	36,59	25	+2
Segua Corp.	-	43	56.32	-1.43	+14
Texas Instruments	.09	27	22,30	72	-24
Textron Inc.	1.30	35	57.67	42	+1
United Technologies	1.40	18	88.45	-1.04	-6





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Roses & ruins

German region delights with history and beauty

BY MICHAEL ABRAMS Stars and Stripes

he Wetterau is a region of fertile German hills and vales that stretches roughly from Butzbach in the northwest to Büdingen in the southeast.

Castles, monasteries and villages with half-timbered houses dot the countryside. It is known for apple orchards and apple wine. It is a place for invigorating bike rides or lazy day trips by

On a recent jaunt, we visited the northwest corner of the Wetterau, stopping at a village famous for its roses, an imposing castle and a former monastery better known today for its culinary delights than its religious heritage.

On a breezy day, you can smell Steinfurth before you can see it. Actually you smell what the town, a suburb of Bad Nauheim. is famous for: roses.

Steinfurth is the rose-growing capital of Germany. Thirty nurseries grow about 4 million roses annually. And while this is a lot, 30 years ago 210 nurseries produced up to 14 million roses a year.

Lack of demand for roses and hot competition pared down the number of producers throughout the years.

Rosebushes line the road as you enter Steinfurth. From then, until you leave the town, the roses will be your constant companions. Roses grow in gardens and decorate buildings. There is a rose museum — the Rosenmuseum— and on even years, Steinfurth hosts the Rosenfest, with a rose queen and a parade, on the third weekend of July.

The story of roses and Steinfurth begins in 1868 when a local lad, Heinrich Schultheis, returned from a rose-grower's apprenticeship in England and founded the first German rose nursery. In 1880 he produced the first catalog for buyers, and two years later, a Schultheis Brothers rose catalog appeared in the United States. A copy is



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Above: An aisle of the monastery church, now in ruins, at Kloster Arnsburg in Germany's Wetterau region. Above left: A rose from a garden in Steinfurth, Germany.

on display at the Rosenmuseum.

By the turn of the century there were 50 rose farmers in Steinfurth. The first Rosenfest took place in 1949 and the first queen was crowned the next year.

The sheer volume of roses can be overwhelming. Roses bloom in red, white, yellow, pink and orange. There are rose bushes, climbing roses and potted roses. Some with tiny blooms, some with giant ones. Some inexpensive, some very expensive. One thing is for sure: It's a rose lover's dream town.

The Rosenmuseum is only interesting if you speak German, since all the exhibits are in German. On display are things with roses on them, such as cupings plates, wallpaper, books, etc. There is one room dedicated to the history of rose growing in Steinfurth and another on how roses are grown. You can buy rose souvenirs at the museum, and it also has a cafe'.

The road from Steinfurth to Münzenberg leads through Rockenberg, with its nunnery, now a prison for juvenile delinquents.

Münzenberg castle, standing high on a hill above the village, can be seen from miles away. It is nicknamed the "Inkwells of the Wetterau," and it is easy to see why. Its two tall, round towers poke into the sky like giant inkwells.

The castle dates to the middle of the L2th century and was built by Kuno I von Hagen-Arnsburg, who named himself Kuno I von Münzenberg in 1156. It has an outer wall surrounding the bailey—the outer wall or court—with an inner wall protecting the courty and in living buildings. You have to pass through three gates to enter the castle proper. This is the oldest part of the castle, with the outer walls built later to strengthen the defenses. The two "ink-wells," the west keep and east keep, give a view of the surrounding land.

In 1255, Kuno's last heir, Ulrich II, died and the castle fell to Ulrich's son-in-law, Philipp I von Falkenstein.

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Berlin reflects

German capital looks to the future with an eye on the past

BY CHRIS WELSCH

n a cold day, only a handful of Humboldt University students trumdled between buildings on Bebelplatz, a tidy 18th-century square in central Berlin.

"In a city full of monuments, this is my favorite one," said Michele Brewer, our guide for the day. "You might wonder what I'm referring to."

I did; there were no monu ments in sight.

She led us to the center of the plaza, where a square glass window lay flush with the chalk-colored stones, revealing a large, illuminated room underneath our feet. The room was full of bookshelves, which were empty.

"There's room on those shelves for 20,000 books, which is how many the Nazis burned in a big pile here," she said.

"My favorite part, though, is more subtle. If you notice, you'll see that your own image is reflected in the glass. You look in and you also see yourself. The artist wanted you to see that there is no history without you in it."

Every day I was in Berlin, I was able to see evidence of what Brewer said. The city's monuments, museums and landmarks either celebrate the role of individuals in society or rue the times when they did not speak out.

As Berlin continues to transform into reunited Germany's capital, businesses, embassies, museums and government agencies are building office towers and creating a new urban landscape. Always, it seems, Berlin keeps one eye on the past as it moves into the future.

When Brewer was introducing us to Berlin, she started by saying, "The history of the 20th century is here."

World War I started when a unified Germany, with Berlin as its capital, began flexing its muscles. Berlin was the seat of the government that started for World War II and the setting for the last bloody battles that ended it in Europe. Isolated behind the Berlin Wall, surrounded by East Germany, the city became the hottest front in the Cold War.

Now the city, population 3.5 million, is reinventing itself as the center of Europe's economy and culture.

There's no better place to see that than on Potsdamer Platz, which during the Cold War was a blighted area divided by the wall and the Death Strip.

I had read about how Germany

was devoting vast resources to reconnecting its capital and how Potsdamer Platz was planned as the centerpiece.

I was disappointed by the



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A favorite tourist spot in Berlin is the Reichstag (Parliament) cupola with its view over the heart of the city. The glant mirror-covered funnel brings daylight into the Bundestag assembly and gives people on the walkways a view of the legislators — and vice versa.

reality of it: A forest of glass-sheathed towers, surrounded by cranes erecting more of the same. Potsdamer Platz is massive but soulless. The buildnigs are monuments to the corporations that built them, not a place to serve people, who are reduced to antlike drones by their megalithic scale. There is no space on the street for sidewalk cafes, flower stalls or small

There was one small note of grace to the whole project. The city saved a chunk of the Berlin Wall— a concrete slab 12 feet high and about 4 feet wide. It stands at a crosswalk, battered and homely.

Even though it was painfully cold and windy, passersby lingered by it, touched it, read the graffiti and had their pictures taken with it. I stood there, too, thinking of the people who died trying to go over it.

Brewer, 34, is a Canadian who has lived in Berlin for nearly three years. She's finishing her Ph.D. in philosophy at Potsdam University, She earns money on the side as a guide for Berlin Walks, which leads history and cultural tours through the city. Before we started the walk, she carefully made a point.

She said that the dangers that destroyed German democracy in 1933 weren't unique to that time or place, and that human capacity for racism, violence and apathy is universal.

"If we don't look at history with an eye toward ourselves, then it's really just an exercise in voyeurism," she said.

With that mindset, we spent the day looking at Berlin's Nazi past. Even though 90 percent of the city was leveled by air raids and artillery shells, quite a few landmarks survived. We walked by the massive and

ominous Luftwaffe headquarters, which takes up three city blocks. It now serves as Germany's finance ministry. The Luftwaffe headquarters epitomizes the National Socialist approach to



architecture: monumental in size, with regimented rows of windows and no decoration to

speak of.

"In fascism, ornamentation is a crime," Brewer said. "That kind of creativity represents the individual."

We saw Checkpoint Charlie, the old gate between East and West; the vacant lot where the Reich Chancellery was; and, nearby, the spot where Hitler and his girlfriend, Eva Braun, were buried in shallow graves after committing suicides

My favorite monument, in a city full of them, was the Reichstag, the seat of the German government. Ironically, Hitler never had time for the Reichstag — it was left empty after the arson in 1933 that scuttled the parliament and led to his rule. It was one of the only major buildings in Berlin not associated with Nazi rule.

When Berlin once again became the capital of Germany, the Reichstag was chosen to be the seat of government.

British architect Sir Norman Fisher won the competition to redesign the building. He made it a point to leave some of the bullet holes and graffiti on its walls, as reminders of the of war.

But the most ingenious part of his renovation is the 130-foot-high glass dome that crowns the structure. Underneath it, an upside-down cone of mirrors rises from the glass floor. An inviting spiral walkway circles the interior of the dome, offering a bird's-eye view of the city.

Access is free and open to the public. Standing at the top of the dome, it is possible to see Berlin sprawling in all directions.

The mirrors on the cone in the center of the dome are angled so that legislators, sitting at their desks, can look up and see the people on the walkways. And the people can look through the glass floor to see the legislators.

It's a marvelous visual metaphor. If German politicians ever forget who they're working for, all they have to do is look up.

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In Kloster Arnsburg sits a World War II cemetery with 447 graves of German soldiers, prisoners of war and forced laborers, including the remains of 87 men and women murdered by the SS shortly before the Americans arrived on March 26, 1945.

If you go

Getting there

Reaching this part of the Wetterau is easy.

From the south, exit Autobahn 5 at the Bad Naueim exit, then follow the signs to Steinfurth, Münzenberg and Kloster Arnsburg on the back roads

■ From Giessen, exit Autobahn 45 at the Münzenberg exit, and then take Highway 488 toward Lich. Watch for the turn for Kloster Arnsburg a couple of miles before Lich. Or follow the signs to Münzenberg and start the day at the castle

■ From Hanau, take Autobahn 45 toward Giessen/Dortmund, exit at Münzenberg, and do the same as above.

When to go

Now is a good time because the roses are in bloom. but spring, summer and fall are fine. In winter, the castle and monastery are closed and the fields are hare

Hours and costs

■ The Rosenmuseum in Steinfurth is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday from May to October and 2 to 5 p.m. from November to April; Sun day hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is 3 euros

for adults and 2 for children.







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A statue of Bernhard of Clairvaux greets visitors above the gate to Kloster Arnsburg, a former Cistercian monastery

There is a rose show where new and unique hybrids are on display in the Rosensaal (Rose Hall). It opens July 16 at 4:40 p.m., and at 8 a.m. the following three days. The Rosenkorso parade is Sunday at 2 p.m. The rest is your traditional German fest with drinks, foods and

■ Münzenberg castle opens daily at 10 a.m. from February to November and closes between 4 and 7 p.m., depending on the time of year. Admission is 1.80 euros for adults and 1.30 euros for children 14 and younger

■ Kloster Arnsburg is open daily during the daylight hours, but might be closed during the winter due to snow and ice. Admission is 1 euro, which you pay at the turnstile at the entrance, so be sure to have coins with you.

■ The Alte Klostermühle restaurant is open 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily for lunch, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for coffee and cake, and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. for dinner.

Information

These Web sites are in German only:

■ Steinfurth: www.steinfurth-online.de and www.bad-nauheim de/stadt/html/steinfurth.phtml

■ Münzenberg castle: www.muenzenberg.de/burg/index.htm Kloster Arnsburg: www.kloster-arnsburg.de
 Alte Klostermühle restaurant: www.alte-klostermuehle.de

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Roses frame the gateway of a half-timbered house in Steinfurth, the

WETTERALI FROM PAGE 19

The Falkensteins built the northern residential building. known as the Falkensteinerbau, at the end of the 13th century. It is bigger but less decorative than the Romanesque structure

In 1418, the last Falkenstein died and in 1628 the castle was shot to ruins during the Thirty Years War

Today, you can stroll along the castle walls, and climb the 145 steps to the top of the east keep for a great view of the Wetterau. the Taunus Mountains and the castle and village below. At least once a year, usually in June, a

medieval festival takes place here, and in the summer con certs are held

The restaurant Zur Burg (its beer garden), at the end of road leading up to the castle popular with tourists and loc alike. The town of Münzenbe has an interesting half-timber town hall on the market place

Another example of half-ti bered architecture can be fo in the suburb of Trais-Münze berg, on the road to Kloster Arnsburg. On Römerstrasse some of the best examples of half-timbered farmhouses w high wood gates in the Wette RIPES - JULY 8, 2004 PAGE 23



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The area around Kloster Arnsburg has been settled for a long time. Traces of the Bronze Age Urnfield Culture have been found here; including a large pot on display at the monastery.

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The Romans built a fort nearby in the first century, and later, in the ninth and 11th centuries, two medieval castles were built here. Traces of the latter can still be seen.

In 1174, 12 Cistercian monks founded the Arnsburg monastery. Throughout the centuries as many as 200 monks lived there, and as few as 10. The monastery's holdings in land also expanded, and contracted over the vears

The Peasants' War, the Reformation and the Thirty Years War also brought the monks hard times. But in the 18th century, Kloster Arnsburg had a second heyday when many structures were added, including the Baroque gate building at the entrance to the monastery grounds. In 1803, it was secularized, and the monastery and its belongings were given to the counts of Solms-Laubach.

After passing through the gate, you are in the large expanse of the monastery grounds. Directly ahead is the old monastery with the ruins of its church. Pass



A statue of a knight and a clergyman stands in the ruins of the monastery church at Kloster Arnsburg.



The inner courtyard of Münzenberg castle with the Romanesque residential building at left, the western keep at center and the Falkenstein building at right. The castle dates to the 12th century, and visitors can see remnants of buildings that were built as "recently" as the 15th century.



This rather strange statue of a horse stands behind the ruins of the monastery church at Kloster Arnsburg. The monastery's rebuilt dormitory is regularly used for art exhibits.

through its gate and you enter the cloister, now a World War II cemetery with 447 graves of German soldiers, prisoners of war and forced laborers, including the remains of 87 men and women murdered by the SS shortly before the Americans arrived on March 26, 1945.

There is not much left of the Romanesque monastery church. Built in the 12th and 13th centuries, it fell into ruin after the secularization. With a length of 280 feet, it must have been quiet impressive once.

On the monastery grounds are numerous other buildings. One of them, the old mill house, is now a hotel and restaurant. The Alte Klostermühle is known far and wide for its excellent cuisine, with specialties from the region. It is not cheap, with entrees between 15 and 26 euros, but if you can afford it, it is the perfect place to cap off a day in

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Best bets for the week

ENGLAND: The Duxford Aviation Museum ensures visitors that traffic problems have been worked out for this year's Living Legends Air Show, which flies this weekend. More than 60 aircraft are scheduled to take to the skies, including Spitfires, Mustangs and the "Cats" (Bear cat, Tigercat, Wildcat and Hellcat) and other international participants. Tickets cost 25 pounds (about \$45) for adults, 8 pounds for children; children 5 and younger get in free. Gates open at 8 a.m.; the flying starts at 2 p.m. For information, call (+44) (0) 1223/499 301. The Web site is www.iwm.org.uk

WALES: If you mountain bikers want a real challenge, head to Llamwrtyd Wells on Saturday for the annual World Mountain Bike Bog Snorkeling Championships. Imagine weighing yourself and your specially modified bike down with weights, strapping on a snorkel and mask, and riding though a trench about 6 feet deep and 45 yards long filled with muddy bog water. You goal with muddy bog water. You goal return. Wet suits are recommended.

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REUTTE (Tvrol): Medieval festival.

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ANTWERP: Summer cultural festival, to Aug. 29.
ANTWERPILLLE: Commemorative year P.P. Reubens, 2004.
BLANKENBERFGE: Sand sculpture festival, to Aug. 29.
ZEEBBIUGGE: Sand sculpture festival, July 16-Sept. 5.
GHENT: Gentr festival, July

17-26. www.gentsefeesten.be

DENMARK

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JELS: The Vikings Chronicles, to
July 18 (except for July 11).
Open-air Viking plays.
KLAMPENBORD: Bakken park
open, to Aug.; 30.
OPENHAGEN: Troil gardens
open, to Sept. 19
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BILLUND: Legisland open, to Oct.
24. www.lego.war.
AHRUS: International jazz festival,
July 10-18. www.resa.or/aid*i
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Calendar

ENGLAND

www.visitbritain.com YORK: Early music festival, **to July 10**.

PETERBOROUGH: City festival, to July 11.
LONDON: City festival, to July 13.
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DUXFORD: Living Legends air show, **July 10-11**. www.iwm.org.uk TEWKESBURY: Medieval festival, **July 10-11**. LIVERPOOL: Mersevside interna-

tional street fest, July 10-Aug. 1.
WHITBY: Blessing of the boarts,
July 11.
RAF FAIRFORD: Roy International
Air Tattoo, July 17-18.
RAMSEY: Inter-Celtic festival, July

18-24. FRANCE

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NORMANDY_Day celebrations,
to September.
METZ-Fiea market, July 17.
MULLHOUSE: Grand Vintage
vehicle parade, Nough July 11.
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY:
TOUR de France, to July 25.
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BARR (Alsace): Wine fair, **July** 13-14, 16-18.

SAALES (Alsace): Paté fair, **July**14.
ALL OVER: Bastille Day, **July** 14.
RIBEAUVILLE (Alsace): Wine fair,

July 16-18. OBERNAI (Alsace): Folk festival, July 17.

ROUFFACH (Alsace): Witch festival, July 17. RODERN (Alsace): Pinot Noir (rose)

wine festival, July 17-18.

ROSHEIM (Alsace): Snail festival,
July 17-18.

DAMBACH (Alsace): Blueberry

festival, July 18. HAGUENAU (Alsace): Forest festival, July 18.

GERMANY

www.germany-tourism.de NEUNBURG VOM WALD: Hussite Wars, through Aug. 8. HAMELIN: Pign Pign Pign Jay, 10 Sept. 12. Sundays, town center. TRIER: Carden show, to Oct. 24. WORMS: Jazz fest, July 9-11. HEIDELBERG. Castle illumination, July 10.10:15 p.m. MAINZ: Beet fair, July 16-18. BÜCKEBURG: Medieval tournament/market, July 17-18, 23-25.

GREECE

www.gnto.gr ATHENS: Olympics, **Aug. 13-29**. www.athens2004.com

ITALY

www.italiantourism.com
VESSALICO: Garlic Festival, **July 2.**VENICE: Murano regatta, **July 4.**SEDILO (Oristano): The Ardia, **July 6-7.** Horse race.
PELAGO: Street musicians' festival, **July 8-11.**PALERMO: Festival of St. Rosalia,

July 9-15.
NAPLES: Festival of the Madonna del Carmine, July 15-16.
PERUGIA: Umbrian jazz, July

9-18.
VENICE: Festa de Redentore, July
18.Boat procession.

THE NETHERLANDS

www.holland.com/uk
ALKMAAR: Cheese and crafts
market, through Sept. 3.
GOUDA: Goudes Montmartre,
through Sept. 29.Antjue/flea
market, Wed. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
EDAM: Cheese market, Wednesdays through August.
DEN HAGUE: North Sea jazz festival, July 9-11.

SCOTLAND

www.visitscotland.com HIGHLAND GAMES: STIRLING: July 11; LOCH LOMAND, July 17; STONEHAVEN, July 18. ISLE OF SKYE: Festival of Hebridean music, July 13-23.

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There is also a skate area. free climbing and small golf course next to the aquarium. For more, go to the Web at www.sh-tourismus.de

German golf deals

Golfers: Heads up for these Germany offers:

■ The castle hotel in Ravenstein in Baden-Württemberg has a weekend offer at the Kaiserhöhe golf course. It costs 129 euros per person, double occupancy, and includes one night's lodging, drink, breakfast buffet, greens fees for Saturday and Sunday and two lunches at the course's restaurant. A single costs 139 euros.

Contact the Schlosshotel Ravenstein at phone (+49) (0) 6297/399 or e-mail info@ schlosshotel-ravenstein.de Web site: www.schlosshotelravenstein de (in German)

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Volksmarch

ell, even though the format of your weekly travel section has changed, your volksmarch column continues!

While it will now typically be one page the great part is that the column will continue to provide readers with IVV listings and information to help you make your walking and travel decisions. So, let's get to it!

First, don't forget about the Sunny Coy otes' annual volksmarch this Saturday and

Jennifer West



Sunday Head to Lambsborn, Germany, for the members' 12th volksmarch (the club moved from Landstuhl to Lambsborn for this walk).

Parking is difficult; you'll have to walk from the main road to the start hall. Also, for the dog owners: Fido can join you in the room where you buy

the start cards, but not where you buy food or drinks. You'd be better off leaving him in the car (windows cracked for ventilation, of course) before and after your walk

Start times for both Saturday and Sunday are 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 5- and 10-kilome ter trails and 6 a.m. to noon for the 20-kilo meter event. The prize is Burg Gräfenstein. the next in the series of glass beer steins featuring castles in the Rheinland-Pfalz

You can also support our smallest American volksmarching club by volunteering your time to the walk. Call Leonard Cotter-ell at (+49) (0) 6337-8732.

- Notes about this week's events ■ Young-Walkers'-Tour, or Bambi ni-Liga, credit is available at Göschweiler. Ilbeshausen-Hochwaldhausen, Löhnberg-Selters, Oberschopfheim, Schechen and Töging (Sat., noon to 4 p.m.), Germany. ■ To reach the walk at Lochhausen,
- Germany, take Autobahn 99 and then the Lochhausen (München West) exit. The start location, Fa. Schmid (Firma Schmid) is on Lochhausener Strasse 207, a three minute walk from the S-Bahnhof.

 All three trails at Schechen, Germany,
- are advertised as stroller-friendly and to add to the family atmosphere, you'll find "Der Heinz" entertaining the crowds on Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. in the start hall. Schechen lies 10 kilometers north of Rosenheim on B15.
- Head to the Ardennes and the Battle of the Bulge locale this Saturday for the 32nd Marche International in Malmédy. The club sponsors 6-, 12- and 20-kilometer ciub sponsors 6-, 12- and 20-kilometer trails on both Saturday and Sunday, and a 42K marathon only on Saturday. Take time to travel the back roads after your walk and soak up some World War II history.
- A triathlon certificate will go to folks who complete the walking, biking and swimming events at Ilbeshausen-Hoch waldhausen, Germany, this weekend. This club is also holding a Nordic Walking event on Saturday beginning at 5 p.m. ■ A Mercedes CLK race car is the souve-
- nir at Linkenheim-Hochstetten, Germany To take home this medal, walk 5, 11 or 20 kilometers or bike 30 kilometers on Sunday. B-medal beer mugs and VW Karmann-Giha models will also be available in limited quantities.

E-mail Jennifer West at volksmarch@mail.e osd.mil. Write her at: Stars and Stripes, Bld Pulaski Barracks, APO AE 09227-3717 (MPS).

Listings come from brochures of IVV-sanction are available on the IVV Web site, www.ivv.org ed events that were collected at volksmarches or mailed to Jennifer West by clubs. More extensive lists

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- FRO Oberfranken (Upper Franken) NRW - Nordrhein-Westfalen NDB - Niederbayern FRU - Unterfranken (Lower Franken)

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P - Music at start hall (see miscellaneous notes for day/time)

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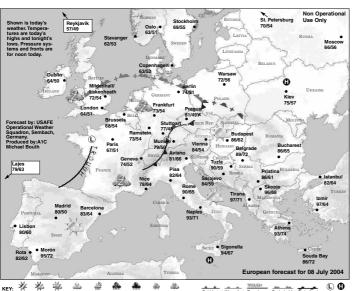
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Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunder-storms. Highs in the mid-60s to lower 70s and lows in the low to mid-50s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Partly cloudy with isolated afternoon thunder-storms. Highs in the mid-80s to lower 90s and lows in the upper 50s

France: Mostly cloudy with rainshow ers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the lower 50s in the north and highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid-60s in the south.

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and thunder-storms.. Highs in lower to mid70s and lows in the lower to mid-50s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and thunder-storms. Highs in the 70s and lows in the upper 40s to mid-50s.

Hungary: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the lower 60s

Northern Italy: Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the after noon. Highs in the lower 80s and lows in the mid-60s.

Southern Italy: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid-90s and lows in the mid-60s to lower 70s. Kosovo: Sunny. Highs in the mid-80s and lows in the lower 60s.

Norway: Partly cloudy with rainshow-ers. Highs in the lower 60s and lows in the lower 50s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s to mid-90s. Lows in the lower 50s inland, lower 70s in the south and lower 60s on the coast.

Turkey: Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s on the north coast, upper 90s on the west coast, lower 90s inland and mid 100s on the southern coast. Lows in the mid-50s inland and mid-60s elsewhere.

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Isaac Hayes, left, and Justin Timberlake, right, watch as Scotty Moore pushes the switch to play Elvis Presley's "That's All Right" from Sun Studio in Memphis. Tenn., on Monday. Moore, Presley's first guitarist, played guitar on "That's All Right" in the studio on July 5, 1954.

Fans celebrate 50 years since **Elvis recording**

BY WOODY BAIRD The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Elvis Presley's "That's All Right" played simultaneously on radio stations around the world Monday to mark the 50th anniversary of the rock 'n' roll icon's first professional record.

Scotty Moore, Presley's first guitarist, hit a button on a control board at Sun Studio to begin the satellite broad-cast to 1,200 to 1,500 stations.

Outside the small studio where Presley cut the record on July 5, 1954, a street party was under way, with bands performing on a sound stage at Sun's front door. More

than 2,000 participants turned out by early afternoon.
"That's All Right" now enjoys a prominent place in the
history of American music, but it wasn't an immediate

hit.

"A lot of people think it was an overnight success, but we paid our dues for two years on the road in Mississippi Arkansas, Tennessee, Texas before RCA picked us up," Moore said.

Music historians regard the recording of "That's All

Right" as a milestone in American pop culture.
"Elvis would be the first to say he didn't create rock 'n' roll. Rock 'n' roll came from an evolutionary process going back probably to the 1940s," said Kevin Kane, director of the Memphis tourism bureau.

"But there was a defining moment that took place on July 5th, and we just figured this is as good a time as any to celebrate it."

Isaac Hayes, who recorded for Memphis' Stax Records in the 1960s and 1970s, and singer Justin Timberlake, a Memphis native, joined Moore for the ceremony

"He brought a lot of cultures together," Hayes said of Presley, "He brought a lot of music together."



others take the stage during the street party in Memphis to celebrate the 50th ry of Presley's recording and subse

AFRTS Television Schedule

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9:30	1	Jackie Chan	Army Newswatch	Le Mans Series.	SpongeBob	Jackie Chan
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Jeopardy!	Hardball With Chris	(Taped)	The Simpsons	Jeopardy!
10:30	Guiding Light	Wheel of Fortune	Matthews		Happy Days	Headline News
11:00	1	ESPNews	60 Minutes II	i	One Tree Hill "Every	ESPNews
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Simon says keep a low profile

Singer/songwriter credits long-lasting fame to her homebody ways

BY COLLEEN LONG The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Singer/songwriter Carly Simon has managed to remain a household name for more than 20 years, even though she's only performed live about 75

She says being just under the radar keeps her afloat Simon recently released "Reflections: Carly Simon's Greatest Hits," on BMG Heritage. The CD is a compreensive collection of all her big hits, including "You Belong to Me," "Haven't Got Time for the Pain," and, of course, "You're So Vain."

She's also making a cameo appearance in the new film "Little Black Book," which stars Brittany Murphy as a woman who loves Simon's music. And designer Michael Kors has created a clothing line inspired by the "hippie chick" style Simon made famous in the mid-1970s.

After years of a high-profile life and romances with the likes of James Taylor and Warren Beatty, Simon, 58, has become a homebody. She lives in Martha's Vineyard, on a farm she calls modest, with horses, donkeys, cats and sheep. Her two children have small cottages on her property, and she spends most of her time writing and sing-

ing.
Q: You don't do many concerts, is it because you're 44 It would be wonderful

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Carly Simon

A: I'm shy but that's not the reason for not touring. It's been very hard for me to put into words, to put it into some kind of understandable format, even for me. It has to do with a combination of the fact that I'm an anxiety prone person and I'm prone to attacks. I can wig out. I can wig out in a department store or in a social situation. at a dinner party, or in a restau-rant. The stage isn't the only place I can do it, but that has some adverse conditions, you can't get off. I've only done about 75 concerts. O: Many people say they per-

form for the rush, and they love the crowds. Do you miss not being able to tour?

A: Well, I interpret adrenaline as something dangerous. I like to sing with a certain with amount of steam behind my voice, energy, and I push on it. My little vocal cords haven't been trained or are too fragile, I can't really sustain a tour. I would like to be able to tour, but not so much that I rectify this stuff

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Q: How do you think you've managed to stay afloat without touring

A: Ironically, I think that being so low profile has kept me fresh. I've never worn myself out. I've never latched onto what's hip at the moment. I've basically followed the beat of my own drummer all along.

O: Your songs are known for being very personal. Is it difficult to be so open?



Carly Simon poses with her guitar at her home in Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

A: Well don't forget the poetic license. I can shift dramatically at any point, so you never know how close or not close it is to reality. That's the beauty of being a poet or a songwriter. You don't have to sign a declaration saving this is all true. But there is something from my own experience in just

Q: You've also had very public relationships, especially with James Taylor. Was it hard to be married in the public eve?

A: There was a very positive competition between James and I, but I invariably felt like that was seen as negative by outsiders. But really, nothing made me angrier than when James got a less-than-perfect review. One of my better talents is that I'm an editor, and I was able to help James in that way. I used to be able to suggest he use another word, and he did the same for me. It worked really well

Q: Do you still talk to him? A: No, he's taken that from our relationship. We have two kids but they're grown. It wasn't because we parted ways so poorly, I'm sure you can think

of another reason. Q: Are you lonely?

Singer/songwriter A: Well I've been married for about 17 years to a poet named Jim Hart. but we're not together right now. God, I feel there are so many things about life that work with each other but sometimes against each other. I really want to be with a partner. On the other hand, I may have gone too long without one. I may have gotten too deep into the alone habits.

Q: Why did you decide to tell someone last year who
"You're So Vain" is about after all this time?

A: Well it's just not that big of a deal. Dick Ebersol and some of his friends came over to my house, we had peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, I played the song and I told them who it was about. They're sworn to secrecy.

Q: I don't suppose you want to tell me

A: Nope. sorry. But the letters E, A and R are in it. Q: But why not? I mean, since you already told these other

people and you say it's not a big deal? A: Oh, it would be anticlimactic now. I've gone this far not telling, so why bother telling now?

Kenny Rogers, wife have twins

Singer Kenny Rogers and his wife, Wanda, are the parents of identical twin boys.

The twins were born Tuesday morning in Atlanta, according to Claire Cook with Dreamcatcher Entertainment Justin Charles weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces, and his twin brother, Jor-

dan Edward, weighed 5 pounds, 8 Wanda Rogers is an identical twin, and twins also run in Kenny Rogers'

family, Cook said. The 65-year-old singer has three

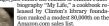
children from previous marriages. During his long career, Rogers

has had dozens of hits on the pop and country charts, in-cluding "Lucille." "The Gambler" and "Lady."



Bill Clinton's memoir apparently has cooked up a lot of interest for another book connected to the former presi-

Two weeks ago, just before the release of Clinton's auto-



As of Monday, it had climbed to 2.035th

"I can only assume that 'My Life' has something to do with it, Skip Rutherford, president of Clin-

ton's nonprofit foundation. "My Life" has been No. 1 on Amazon.com since its June 22 release.

Rutherford said there's no other explanation for such rapid sales growth for a cookbook released for general distribution in January. It started out as a self-published fund-raising effort last fall by the Clinton Foundation, but was later spruced up for national and international distribution by



Sedgewood Press.

Producer Jerry Bruckheimer didn't mind shedding some of the blood and violence in his latest action flick,

"King Arthur" Battle scenes were edited to bring the movie in at a PG-13 rating in-

stead of the original R rating. "You want to fill as many seats as you can, and if you're limited by 17 and over, it's much harder," Bruck-

heimer said last month. Disney, the film's distributor, originally planned to release the movie in the fall, a more adult-oriented season when the R rating would have made sense. After the movie was moved to the more competitive sum-

mer, filmmakers wanted to broaden the audience, Bruckheimer said

Directed by Antoine Fuqua ("Training Day"), "King Arthur" stars Clive Owen in the title role and Keira Knightley as Guinevere.

'90210' star Spelling weds

Actress Tori Spelling, best known for her role as Donna on TV's "Beverly Hills 90210", has married, her

Spelling

publicist said Monday. Spelling, 31, and actor-writer Charlie Shanian got married Saturday at her parents' home in Holmby Hills, Calif., publicist Cece Yorke said. It is the first marriage for both. Spelling, the daughter of television producer Aaron Spelling, spent 10 years on his hit series "Beverly Hills 90210." She also has appeared

in the films "Scary Movie 2," "Scream 2," and "Troop Beverly Hills "

The couple met on stage in 2002 during the Los Angeles production

of the romantic comedy, "Maybe, Baby It's You," co-writ-ten by Shanian, 35. The two actors were in 11 vignettes about couples in search of love.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



Horoscope

The sun passes Saturn in Cancer's protective realm. Saturn likes to crack the whip, stiffen the discipline and get organized. Joyce Jillson

The focus of this energy is the home. When you clear the clutter from your desk, garage and countertons you'll really be clearing the clutter from your mind. The moon in Ariés gives you

energy to work tirelessly TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 8). You create situations in which you can succeed this year - how brilliant! This month start small, and generate busi-

ness from the ground up. Finances are heftily improved in September through your tenacious work. Leader ship is featured, both at work and at home in the early fall. The new year includes romance, weddings and travel.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a sparkling sheen over your world, blue skies and all that, You're in a forgiving mood, or maybe it's just that you refuse to be bothered. Even the troublemakers in your life

are reduced to having only the power to amuse you TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Think deeply about a loved one's

request If you answer honestly, you will probably say "no." Developing a larger vocabulary will enable you to talk your way into getting more of

what you want out of life. GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You accomplish so much on your own that it's almost an annoyance to try and motivate others - they're just not getting it! They'll understand later. Try to be gentle with loved ones, letting them set the pace.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Keeping busy won't be a problem. Belaxing might be. You take day-to-day details very seriously. Colleagues trust you implicitly to make the right move for the companv. Your star quality attracts business and romance

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Today has an element of mischief, levity and whimsy. Experience is favored over talking things to death - just iump in and see what it's really like. Too much conversation clouds the true meaning instead of making it clearer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Attitude counts more than talent or education today. You cheerfully give people more than they expect, a

comerstone principle of your ultimate success. Singles have laughs with a Sagittarius or Capricom

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your

courage is high. Some of you will deliver a business proposal, an invitation to dance, or even a relationship ultimatum. You're in an outgoing mood and will be driven

to get to know and accept people on

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Just when you were resigned to a hard-working fate doing a thankless job, several new possibilities take you by surprise. Consider your options carefully, but don't be afraid to be spontaneous. Your instincts are right on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The artist in you needs a voice.

Creative efforts inform even your most logically minded tasks. Allowing yourself to be bad at an activity is the key to getting good or even brilliant at it. Be easy on your-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Though it's difficult to imagine anyone's way being better than your own right now, you can overcome adversity with relative ease by remaining flexible. New relationships are taking the path you thought they would

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Early in the day, you feel like you're scatter-shooting your way through the hours, desperately trying to complete each task just well enough to move on to the next. Creative energy accompanies this frenetic state

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your internal weather is gorgeous. Even if you're busy at work, part of you is off sailing a ship across a glassy sea. It's not that you've forgotten completely about the deadline. but what's the point on dwelling on

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He's the symphony's

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Not inviting neighbors' kids OK JUMBI

Dear Abby: I have read your column for years and usually agree wholeheartedly with your advice. However, I was stunned to read your reply to "On the Spot" in New Jersey, who chose not to invite her neighbor's 8and 6-year-old children Dear Abby

to her son's bar mitzvah Yes, it's true that children are invited to bar mitzvahs. But in this case, the neighbor's children are not family and are too young to be playmates of the bar mitzvah boy. The parents are within their rights to exclude these children from the guest list, espe cially when the cost of additional guests is taken into consideration Furthermore it was rude of the invitees to R.S.V.P. that their uninvited

children would attend. - Linda M., Rockville, Md Dear Linda: You're right — I goofed. My readers were quick to set me straight. Read on:

Dear Abby: I am 14 and recently had a bat mitzvah myself. I understand the situation. This was a challenge for our

family, too. Abby, these affairs are expensive, and it is not always affordable to include kids who are not close to the family Also, young children

can't sit through a three-hour service. That mother should discuss the situation with her neighbors and tell them that due to budget and space re-

strictions, the number of guests is limited. - Ashley S

Fountain Valley, Calif. Dear Ashley: Where were you when I needed you?

Dear Abby: I am planning a

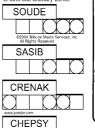
summer. Most of our guests will be family and very close friends

My mother asked me to invite a longtime friend and co-worker. We sent the woman a save-the-date card. When Mother saw her the next day at work, the friend said she would be happy to attend — if she didn't have a "band gig." Mother felt embarrassed and slighted. She would now like to start working from home to avoid this person and has asked me not to send an invitation. What should I do?

- Soon-To-Be Bride in Virginia Dear Soon-To-Be-Bride: Since the co-worker has indicated that if a job comes up she might be absent, take the hint and don't send the invitation Retter that she was honest in advance about the fact she might not be able to attend, rather than being a no-show

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Doctor not worth losing marriage

Dear Annie: Lam almost 50 years old and have been married for 25 - happily, I thought. Six months ago, I was in a car accident and was rushed to the hospital for surgery. The surgeon told my husband if I had gotten to the hospital a few minutes later. I

would not have survived. The surgeon is a good-looking man, five years my junior. Although I have fully recovered physically. I cannot get this surgeon out of my mind. I think of him every minute of every day. I ran into him at the bank last week, and again at the post office yesterday. Each time, he approached me first to say hello and ask how I was. Is it possible he feels the same way? I cannot remember having had a crush on anyone when I was a teenager, but I assume that's what this is I'm a grown woman. How do I get over this infatuation?

— Crushed in New York Dear Crushed: It is not unusual for patients to develop crushes on



their doctors or nurses. You had a traumatizing Annie's Mailbox experience. He saved your life. Your overwhelming gratitude, combined with the life-threatening circum stances, has elevated him to Dr. Perfect in your mind. The fact that he is good-looking intensifies the effect. Believe us, it will wear

> Meanwhile, recognize this infatuation for the temporary insanity it is, and transfer some of that hero-worship to the husband who stood stoically by your hospital bed, worried sick.

Dear Annie: My friend, "Eunice," and I each have two children, and we get together occasionally at one another's homes. The problem is that when they come to my house, I prepare a nice meal, all homemade. However, when we go to Eunice's, she orders pizza or takeout burgers and asks me to reimburse her for half the cost.

I am beginning to hate having them over since it's not fair that I always have to pay half at her home, but she pays nothing at mine. I'm considering giving her an invoice for all the ingredients

that I use to slap together a meal. This has been festering, and I am afraid to get together with Eunice because I might blow my ton when I am asked to pay for the meal when we are guests in their home. What should I do?

- Chief Cook and Bottlewasher Dear Cook: Eunice doesn't consider you a guest at her home since you come so often and she doesn't recognize that home made food costs money. Here are your choices: 1) Order takeout and have Eunice pay half. 2) Figure out the cost of a home-cooked meal and ask Eunice to reimburse you. 3) Visit at times that don't involve meals. 4) Tell Eunice what you told us. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd.

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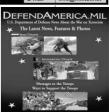
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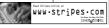
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Tuesday's transactions

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ST. LOUIS BLUES—Re-signed D Eric Wein-

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CLEMSON—Suspended DL Chris McDuffle
om the football team after being arrested

DUKE—Named Shannon Perry women's as-stant basketball coach. Istant basketball coach. GEORGIA SOUTHERN—Promoted John Pate o associate head football coach. INDIANA—Announced men's basketball unior G Lewis Monroe has transferred from

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Smith to a three-year contract.

Women's National Basketball Association

LOS ANGELES SPARKS—Announced the res-

ignation of Michael Cooper, coach, effective June 11, to become an assistant coach with the Denver Nuggets.

CALGARY FLAWES—Signed D Mark Glor-dang: LW David Heintz: LW Justin Taylor: C David Heintz: LW Justin Taylor: C GOLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Signed D Andre Lakos. Acquired D Radoslav Suchy from Phoenix for a 2005 Jourth-round d

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NEW YORK RANGERS—Named Tom Renney coach and announced he will retain his title as vice president of player development.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Signed G Dominik Hasek to a multiyear contract.

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VICk indefinitely after he was charged with
reckless driving and possession of marijua-

Hokies suspend Vick indefinitely

RICHMOND, Va. - Virginia Tech quarterback Marcus Vick was suspended indefinitely from the team Tuesday, the same day it was revealed he was charged with reckless driving and possession of marijuana.

The younger brother of Atlanta Falcons quarterback and former Hokies star Michael Vick was charged after an early morning traffic stop on Saturday, state police said. He was convicted in May of three misdemeanors stemming from a drinking party with

three underage girls.

The school said the latest charge prompted the indefinite suspension. Officials revealed Tuesday that Vick and two others convicted in May had been suspended for the first three games of the season

Vick, a redshirt sophomore, was expected to challenge senior Bryan Randall for the starting job this season after the two essentially shared it last season.

Vick was clocked on radar at 86 mph. 21 mph above the speed state police spokesman Gary B. Payne said.

"As a result of the traffic stop, he also was charged with posses-sion of marijuana," Payne said. Both charges are misdemean-

ors, he said. In May, the 20-year-old Vick was sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$2,250 on three counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor after he and two teammates gave alcohol to 14- and 15-year-old girls at the players' apartment.

Tailback Mike Imoh. 19, was sentenced to 10 days in jail and fined \$750. Wide receiver Brenden Hill, 19, was sentenced to 20 days in jail and fined \$1,500. After the trial, Virginia Tech

Weaver

athletic director Jim

promised to punish the players, but refused to disclose what kind of disciplinary action he would take, citing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 On Tuesday, Weaver revealed that all three players had been

suspended for the first three games of this season. School spokesman Larry Hincker said all three players had signed a waiver that allowed the school to detail the penalties.

Two Air Force football players charged in steroid case

AIR FORCE ACADEMY Colo Two suspended Air Force football players are facing steroid charges and a possible court-martial

school announced the charges against running back Matthew Ward and linebacker Overton Spence Jr., along with two other cadets, on Tuesday.

The charges are the result of a campus-wide probe into drug use first announced in May. Another cadet remains under investiga-

Ward and Spence were suspended from the football team during the investigation, acade-my spokeswoman Capt. Kim



"We will be disappointed if it turns out the voung men

on our team were involved in this type of activity," coach Fisher DeBerry said.

Spence, who faces up to 25 years in prison if found guilty, was charged June 28 with using methandrostenolone as well distributing and possessing 67 pills of the steroid. Ward, who faces a maximum 10-year sentence, was charged June 1 with using the same kind of steroid and possessing 30 pills.

Ward was the team's fourth-leading rusher last season with 384 yards and four touch-downs. Spence played in 11 games as a reserve linebacker. Both are juniors.

"If the players are found in violation, this would be a tremendous loss to the 2004 Fighting Falcons since each has considerable playing experience," DeBerry said.

Reports: Stallings, Wilson interview with Ohio St. again

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings and Rice coach Willis Wilson interviewed a second time Tuesday for Ohio State's vacant head bas ketball coaching position, accord-

ing to reports Meanwhile, Xavier coach Thad Matta — a week after saying he was not a candidate at Ohio State was poised to be interviewed as early as Wednesday, according to several newspapers and televi sion stations

Matta told The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer he had no comment when asked if he was being inter-

viewed Wednesday. Stallings and Wilson met with athletic director Andy Geiger, former Ohio State players on a search committee and other school officials, the Plain Dealer reported

The Columbus Dispatch reported that Stallings and Wilson also met with university President Karen Holbrook, who will decide

which candidate is hired. Vanderbilt spokesman Andre Fourshee said he could not confirm if Stallings had interviewed because he had not been in touch with the Commodores head

Another Auburn player to transfer to Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS point guard Lewis Monroe said uesday night he would transfer from Auburn to Indiana, becom-ing the second player from that school to choose the Hoosiers in less than a month.

Marco Killingsworth nounced his decision June 22 and

signed with Indiana last week.

Monroe averaged 6.1 points
and a team-high 3.6 assists while starting 14 games as a junior for the Tigers. Killingsworth, a 6-7 forward who averaged 13.7 points and 6.9 rebounds, also decided to transfer after his junior season.





He'll take Chicago: White Sox, Garcia agree to \$27M deal

CHICAGO - Pitcher Freddy Garcia plans to stay with the Chicago White Sox for a while.

Garcia signed a \$27 million, three-year contract extension with the White Sox on Tuesday just 10 days after being traded from Seattle

The 28-year-old right-hander was eligible to become a free agent after this season. But the White Sox traded for him June 27 in the hope they could sign him to a longer deal.

Garcia's longtime friendship with White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen was thought to be a selling point. Guillen also is from Venezuela and is the second cousin of Garcia's fiancee.

'Ozzie had a tremendous role in it," White Sox General Manag-er Ken Williams said. "The stars ended up ultimately aligning, but I think there was a little bit of aid

in them aligning." Guillen agreed his friendship with Garcia eased the signing.

"We talked about it the last three or four days," Guillen said "We've always hung around together on and off the field in Venezuela and Florida. Now having him in Chicago, I'm going to spend more time with him than my own kids.

Garcia will earn \$8 million in 2005, \$9 million in 2006 and \$10 million in 2007



ously for everyone's focus, for everyone's benefit, we needed to get this done as soon as possi-Williams said. "Fortunatehe was

open-minded to it and receptive to the numbers we were talking about '

Garcia, who lost his home debut 6-2 to Ahaheim on Tuesday night is 5-8 with a 3.42 ERA and 98 strikeouts in 17 combined starts with the Mariners and White Sox this year. But those numbers are somewhat mislead. ing because he's received only 2.71 runs of support per nine innings, lowest in the American

He currently is fifth in the AL in baserunners per nine innings (10.99) and strikeouts, and sixth in ERA. Since the start of the 2001 season, Garcia ranks third in the AL with innings pitched (776.2) fifth in strikeouts (578) and eighth in wins (51).

A two-time All-Star, Garcia is 77-50 with a 3.90 ERA and 828 strikeouts in five-plus seasons.

Garcia was acquired from the Mariners with catcher Ben Davis and cash for catcher Miguel Olivo and minor leaguers Jeremy Reed and Michael Morse



Detroit Tigers' Ivan Rodriguez dives into third base with a triple in a June game against the Cleveland Indians. Rodriguez, the starting catcher for the AL's All-Star team, is 14 away from recording his 2.000th career hit.

Rodriguez: No catcher better than Pudge at – or behind – the plate

"And Pudge is as physical a catcher as there is. He controls the running game like no else in the game. There is so much concentration involved working behind the plate. It's the mental part of catching that wears you out, and it often shows up at bat. I remember Del Crandall, who was an All-Star catcher would get so frustrated. He was so caught up in working with his pitcher that he felt he was giving away at-bats because he couldn't focus at the

There's no doubt that Rodriguez, who was batting .371 entering Wednesday's game and had a 24-point lead, is focused. He was the AL player of the month for June, when he hit .500 with 43 hits in 86 at-hats

The rigors of their position make catchers unlikely challengers for a batting title. Only three have been runners-up-Spud Davis (.349) with the Phillies in 1933, Ted Simmons (.332) with the Cardinals in 1975 and Mike Piazza (.346) with the Dodgers in 1995. Piazza finished third in batting twice and fourth once and is the only catcher to rank in the top five four times

Rodriguez has never finished

RODGRIGUEZ, FROM BACK PAGE in the top five in batting. His highest average in a season in which he had the required plate appearances for a batting title was the .332 he hit in his MVP year of 1999 for the Rangers That placed him seventh among the league's top hitters.

"It's very tough what he is doing," Yankees catcher Jorge Posada said. "You have so much to think about when you're catching a game that hitting is the last thing you do. You'll be talking with a pitcher about opposing hitters or warming someone up or checking with the pitching coach about something, and then some one will tap you on the shoulder and tell you it's time for batting practice. Oh. veah. that's right. I have to hit, too. For a catcher to win a batting title, that's a tough task. Skip did it, though,

Posada was half right. Torre led the NL in hitting with a .363 average for the Cardinals in 1971, but he played third base exclusively that year. He was the Braves' regular catcher for eight years before being traded to St. Louis for first baseman Orlando Cepeda in 1969 and inheriting his position. Torre divided time between catcher and third base in 1970 and shifted to third full-time the next year

strong offensive seasons. Twice he hit over .300, including .321 in 1964, when he finished fourth in the batting race won by Pirates right fielder Roberto Clemente

"As a manager, I feel whatever the catcher gives me offensively is gravy," Torre said. "I know when I was a catcher I felt if I did a good job behind the plate and helped guide my pitcher to a victory, then it didn't matter if I got a hit I could go 0-for-4 in those circumstances and still feel I contributed something to a victory. I lost that when I went to the infield Your at-bats stay with you at positions other than catcher

"Just watching what Georgie (Posada) goes through makes me appreciate what a catcher does, said Yankees batting coach Don Mattingly, the 1984 AL batting champion. "It's still too early in the year to be talking about batting titles. We're not really into the heat yet. As the temperatures rise in

July and August, Rodriguez could watch his average drop, although Torre is not so sure.

"Don't forget, Pudge was in Miami all last year," Torre said. "Detroit might seem like a vacation to him.

Sosa, Griffev in HR derby The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Philadelphia's Jim Thome, Cincinnati's Ken Griffey Jr. and the Chicago Cubs Sammy Sosa will represent the National League in next week's All-Star Home Run Derby

The New York Yankees' Jason

Giambi, Boston's David Ortiz and Baltimore's Rafael Palmeiro will be among the American League players to participate in the cometition next Monday night in Houston.

One additional player from each league will be picked, the office commissioner's said Wednesday

RBI leader Rolen playing through pain of sore left knee knee. But he's holding off, at least for now. dle finger, one day after returning from a Larkin, 40, was picked this weekend for

ST. LOUIS - Scott Rolen expects to be able to play despite his sore left knee after an MRI revealed irritation in the joint Tues-The Cardinals' All-Star third baseman

has been bothered by the knee for about a month, but it mostly affects him on the base paths



quiets down

He leads the major leagues with 80 RBIs. "He's handling it all right, and it's actually

getting a little better," trainer Barry Wein-berg said. "He's pretty active so he roughs it up a little bit and it flames up, and then it

Rolen said he and Dr. George Paletta, the Cardinals' physician, discussed a series of injections that would cushion the

Rolen intends to play in the All-Star game July 13 in Houston.

"It's manageable," he said. Rolen made his 81st start of the season

Tuesday, more than any other Cardinals player.

"I just think he's not the type that's going to sit around and give a lot of complaints," manager Tony La Russa said. "I don't think he's 100 percent, but 100 percent for him is super.

"A little less than that and vou're still doing really well compared to everybody

Marlins' Reckett returns to DI

MIAMI - World Series MVP Josh Beckett was placed on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday after tearing skin on his right midback injury Beckett was activated before Monday

night's 3-1 loss to the Pirates. He was removed after throwing 73 pitches over four innings in just his second start since May

It's Beckett's third trip to the DL this sea son. He's been sidelined because of a blister on his right middle finger and a strained muscle in his back

Larkin hedging on planned retirement ST. LOUIS - Cincinnati shortston Barry

Larkin has asked the Reds to cancel his retirement ceremonies planned for the final weekend of the season because he's not sure this will be his last year.

"Right now, I would like to leave my options as a player open for 2005," Larkin said in a statement Tuesday.

his 12th All-Star team The Reds' captain was hitting .295 with

four homers and 31 RBIs going into Tuesday night's game at St. Louis. Calf sprain sidelines Rangers' Perry

CLEVELAND -- The Texas Rangers

placed infielder Herbert Perry on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday with a sprained right calf.

Perry is batting .292 with five homers and 17 RBIs.

Expos place RHP Day on 15-day DL

SAN JUAN. Puerto Rico - Montreal Expos right-hander Zach Day was placed on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday with right shoulder tendinitis

Montreal recalled left-hander Chad Bentz from Triple-A Edmonton.

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Red Sox relish home field after rough trip

The Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox returned home from a rotten road trip and got themselves a feel-good win.

Tim Wakefield pitched seven innings of three-hit ball, and Johnny Damon singled five times as Boston rebounded with an 11-0 victory over the Oakland Athletics, a potential rival in the playoff

The Red Sox returned to Fenway Park after going 1-5 on the road, including a three-spane

three-game sweep by the division-leading Yankees.

Boston is 29-31 since May 1.

squandering a three-game lead in the AL East.

Oakland and Texas are tied for first in the AL West, two games ahead of the Red Sox in the wild-card standings; Boston trails the Yankees by seven games in the East.

The East.

"We both know where we stand and we both know we are fighting for the same thing right now," said Wakefield, who won for the first time since May 23. "It was huge for all the guys in the clubhouse in there. We needed to win this one."

Bill Mueller hit a three-run homer in the second inning, and the Red Sox scored four times in the fourth off Barry Zito (4-6), and again in the fifth off Justin Lehr.

"This is the 2004 Red Sox that you see," first baseman Kevin Millar said Tuesday night after Boston turned the halfway point in the season. "This is the first time we're back in our house with our lineur."

Winless in seven previous starts, Wakefield (5-5) did not



Boston Red Sox left fielder Manny Ramirez gestures toward the dugout after reaching base in the first inning against the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday in Boston. The Red Sox defeated the AL West-leading A's 11-0.

allow a runner until Marco Scutaro hit a liner that drifted away from right fielder Trot Nixon for a double with two outs in the

Only one other batter reached second against Wakefield, who struck out six and walked one.

Zito allowed seven runs — six earned — on nine hits and three walks in four innings, walking in two runs in the fourth. The 2002 AL Cy Young Award winner is

winless in five starts.

"A lot of pitches they hit were

good pitches," he said.
"I had great stuff. The prepara-

tion was great."

Angels 6, White Sox 2: Jeff Da-Vanon hit a three-run homer off Freddy Garcia, who lost his first home start with the White Sox.

Garcia (5-8) struck out his first four batters and seven in eight innings, but allowed seven hits, two walks and four earned runs after agreeing on a \$27 million, three-year contract extension earlier in the day. Chicago has lost four straight.

John Lackey (6-8) allowed four hits in seven innings.

Twins 4. Royals 0: At Minneap-

olis, Johan Santana pitched a three-hitter for his first career complete game and tied his high

Torii Hunter homered in the second inning for the Twins, and the Royals lost their season-high seventh straight.

with 13 strikeouts

Santana (7-5) reached double-digit strikeouts for the fifth time in his last six outings.

Kansas City rookie Zack Greinke (1-6) lost his fifth straight start.

Tigers 9, Yankees 1: Jason Johnson pitched eight dominant Bobby Higginson hit two-run homers to help Detroit end a five-game skid. Johnson (6-7) retired his first 12 batters.

The Tigers won for the first time at Yankee Stadium since Sept. 7, 2002.

Mike Mussina (9-6) gave up seven runs on nine hits working on three days' rest.

Devil Rays 3, Orioles 1: Mark Hendrickson pitched eight shutout innings and the visiting Devil Rays halted a three-game losing streak.

Hendrickson (6-6) allowed six hits, struck out two and walked one. Danys Baez pitched the ninth for his 17th save

ninth for his 17th save.

Rodrigo Lopez (6-5) gave up three runs on eight hits in 6²/₃ innings.

Blue Jays 7, Mariners 6: Carlos Delgado doubled in his first at-bat off the disabled list, and Reed Johnson and Josh Phelps homered in a six-run first inning for host Toronto.

Delgado, who missed 33 games because of a strained ribcage, went 1-for-3

went 1-for-3.

Miguel Batista (8-5) won his fourth straight start. Rookie Jason Frasor pitched the ninth

for his ninth save.

Jamie Moyer (6-5) lost his third straight decision

Indians 4, Rangers 1: At Cleveland, the Indians halted a three-game losing streak and reliever Bob Wickman pitched for the first time in almost two years.

the first time in almost two years.

Wickman allowed one hit in the
eighth in his return from
"Tommy John" surgery.

Starter Cliff Lee (8-1) allowed four hits and struck out five, and David Riske picked up his third

Texas starter Nick Bierbrodt (1-1) allowed three runs and one hit, but walked seven.

Dodgers closer Gagne starts new save streak

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Eric Gagne was back to his usual domi nant self. A day after his majo

A day after his major league-record streak of 84 saves came to an end, Gagne pitched a scoreless ninth to preserve the Los Angeles Dodgers' fourth straight win, 4-1 over Arizona on Tuesday night.

"A feat ended last night like none other than we've ever seen, and probably won't ever see again," Los Angeles manager Jim Tracy said. "And if it does happen, it'll more than likely be him."

On Monday night, Gagne came in with a 5-3 lead, but allowed RBI hits to Luis Gonzalez and Chad Tracy that tied the game. He received an ovation after

He received an ovation after Tracy's hit tied the score, and another when he came off the field. Fans at Dodger Stadium even clamored for a curtain call, and he obliged.

Tuesday night, he welcomed the chance to preserve another lead.

Jose Lima (7-3) held the Dia-

Roundup mondbacks to one run on seven

hits in seven innings and Adrian Beltre hit a two-run homer to give the Dodgers the lead in a three-run sixth inning.

Lima stranded a runner at third in the seventh, stabbing a comebacker by Scott Hairston

and throwing to first.
"In the seventh inning, you don't want to let them back in the game, because you saw what happened last night," Lima said. "Not that I worried about Gagne, because Gagne's not human. Gagne makes pitching look too easy. And

pitching's not easy."

After that, Darren Dreifort
pitched a hitless eighth and the
Dodgers handed Gagne the lead

No problem. "It was good to go back in there

right away and get the little demons out," Gagne said.
He retired his first two batters, Quinton McCracken and Robby Hammock, but then pinch-hitter Roberto Alomar singled. Gagne reacted as he has since taking over the closer's job for Los Angeles early in the 2002 season. He struck out pinch-hitter Tim Olson with a 95 mph fastball, earning his 22nd save of the season — in 23 chances.

Braves 1, Expos 0: At San Juan, Puerto Rico, Russ Ortiz pitched seven scoreless innings to put the Braves over .500 for the first time in nearly a month. Atlanta (42-41) has won nine of

12 since June 24. They last had a winning record (29-28) on June 9. Ortiz (9-6) pitched seven innings, allowed three hits, walked

Ortiz (9-6) pitched seven innings, allowed three hits, walked three and struck out three. John Smoltz got the final four outs for his 15th save.

Marlins 6, Pirates 3: Visiting Pittsburgh's 10-game winning streak ended, with Alex Gonzalez hitting a tiebreaking, three-run homer in the seventh inning.

The Pirates' streak was their longest since an 11-game streak from Sept. 12-22. 1996.

Dontrelle Willis, last season's NL Rookie of the Year, remained winless in four starts since June 13. Armando Benitez pitched a

perfect ninth for his 28th save in 30 chances. Mets 4. Phillies 1: At Philadel-

phia, Al Leiter (5-2) pitched seven solid innings and Kaz Matsui went 3-for-5, helping the Mets pull within two games of the NL East-leading Phillies. New York has won five of six.

Braden Looper got his 17th save in 19 chances. Richard Hidalgo's team-record streak of homers in consecutive games ended at five.

Cardinals 5, Reds 3: Jim Edmonds homered and saved one with his glove, and Edgar Renteria hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the seventh inning for host St.

Matt Morris (9-6) overcame a shaky second to work seven solid innings for St. Louis (51-32), which won its fifth straight to improve the NL's best record.

Brewers 4, Cubs 2: Keith Ginter hit a two-run homer off Mark Prior (2-2) and Victor Santos (8-3) won for the sixth time in seven starts, allowing two runs and five hits in 6²/₃ innings for homestanding Milwaukee.

Milwaukee is 43-38, its first winning record at the halfway point since 1998. Dan Kolb pitched the ninth for his 26th save.

Padres 5, Astros 3: Brian Giles and Mark Loretta hit solo home runs to lead San Diego to its eighth straight home win. The NL West-leading Padres have won five in a row overall and 12 of their past 15.

Houston has lost three straight, dropping nine games behind first-place St. Louis in the NL Central. Ismael Valdez (7-5) combined

Ismael Valdez (7-5) combined with four relievers on a five-hitter

Rockies 8, Giants 6: Jeromy Burnitz homered and drove in three runs, including a go-ahead single in the ninth, for visiting Colorado.

Burnitz singled off Jason Christiansen (1-2) with two outs.

Shawn Chacon pitched the ninth for his 19th save in 25 chances, walking Barry Bonds and Dustan Mohr with one out before A.J. Pierzynski popped up and Marquis Grissom hit a grounder to second to end it.

Bryant meets with Nuggets

Denver has cap room to attract free agents

DENVER - Kobe Bryant has met with Denver General Manager Kiki Vandeweghe, opening up the possibility that the Lakers free agent could be moving his basketball home to the state where he will stand trial for sexual assault next month

A Nuggets source told The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity Tuesday that Bryant had a meeting with the Nuggets GM on Monday.

Denver, which was some \$23 million under the salary cap be-fore re-signing center Marcus Camby last week, is expected to target top free agents before next

New Jersey forward Kenyon Martin, Los Angeles Clippers guard Quentin Richardson, Portland forward Darius Miles and San Antonio sharpshooter Manu Ginobili have all been mentioned as possibilities

Denver made the playoffs in a huge turnaround last season, with budding superstar Carmelo Anthony leading the way. But the possibility of landing All-Star Bryant is apparently too good to pass up — despite his legal troubles.

Bryant has pleaded not guilty to felony sexual assault. If convicted, he faces four years to life in nrison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine up to \$750,000. The trial begins Aug. 27

The Lakers still hope to bring Bryant back, General Manager Mitch Kupchak said. "I'm in constant contact with

Kobe and his representatives," he said at a news conference in Los Angeles

Pistons' Wallace meets with Dumars

DETROIT - Rasheed Wallace



met with Joe Dumars on Tues-

day, the first face-to-face conversation the forward has had with the Detroit Pistons since helping them win the NBA title last month.

"The meeting with Rasheed went well," Dumars said in an interview late Tuesday night with The Associated Press. "But there's nothing else to report right now

Wallace, an unrestricted free agent who made \$17 million last season, declined to talk about his future plans.

While few teams could pay Wallace what Detroit can, Dumars said two weeks ago he refused to negotiate with him as if the Pistons were bidding against them-

"Even though we haven't had a lot of feedback from anybody wanting to jump in, you still have to go about it and do it the right " Dumars said. "Even if you totally believe you are bidding against yourself, you can't try to low ball somebody. I won't do

Dumars has said other teams would have to convince Wallace he could win a championship for them, and be welcomed by their

Detroit doesn't

"He lived that," Dumars said Wallace was acquired in a three-team deal on Feb. 19 to put the Pistons over the top - to help transform a contender into a champion And he did

Wallace's statistics were not always impressive — he averaged 13 points, 7.8 rebounds and two

blocks in the playoffs - but his impact almost always was.

The 6-foot-11, 230-pounder made a stingy defense one of the best in league history, and an av-erage offense better.

Wallace averaged 16 points, 6.8 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 1.8 blocks last season, his ninth in the

Report: Magic GM receives death threats at his home

ORLANDO, Fla. - Orlando Magic General Manager John Weisbrod reportedly received written death threats at his home about trading two-time NBA scor-

ing champion Tracy McGrady. Florida Today reported Wednesday that Weisbrod rereported ceived two such threats since mid-June, and was forced to check into a hotel under an alias for two nights last week

On June 17, one week before the NBA Draft, Weisbrod found a threatening note taped to the front door of his home. He said he called Magic assistant general manager Scott Herring and went ahead with plans to take draft prospect Emeka Okafor to din-

Nearly two weeks later, on the day the Magic announced McGrady's trade to Houston, a death threat was scribbled on the glass door of the house with a grease marker, Weisbrod said.

"I get harassing correspon-dence all the time, but when it starts happening at your house, that raises the bar to a different said Weishrod 35-year-old divorced father of

Weishrod said the Magic notified the Orange County Sheriff's Office of the threats last week, but filed no official report because he wanted to keen the incidents "out of the public eye.



Forward Rasheed Wallace (30) met with team president Joe Dumars on Tuesday in the first face-to-face conversation the forward has had with the Pistons since helping them win the NBA title last month.

Owner Buss fiddling around while Lakers crumbl geles Lakers he would

eports that Lakers owner Jerry Buss is spending the week in Italy provided one of those details that sounds too good to be made up. Next, we'll find out the reason he went there is to take fiddling lessons.

So how's this for irony: The way things are going, there might not be enough left of the Lakers' dynasty to burn down by the time Buss gets back.

The guy he plans to rebuild the franchise around is facing trial on a sexual assault charge and mulling offers from other teams. The current centerpiece is still demanding to be traded. The coach with the best chance of talking both into staying just said he wasn't interested in the job. And the general manager Buss left behind to clean up the mess wasn't entrusted with a key to the front door.

On the plus side, the Lakers may have hired Rudy Tomjanovich as coach. Or maybe not.

Asked about a Houston television station's report that Tomjanovich has been of fered the job, Lakers GM Mitch Kupchak said Tuesday, "There is not a deal to announce. We don't have a coach at this time We hope to have a coach in a short period of time. If he becomes coach of the Los AnJim Litke



but even he wouldn't be wonderful enough to win with a team that doesn't include Kobe Bryant and/or Shaquille O'Neal. Unfortunatelv. Kupchak had even less to say on that score.

"Like many of our fans, I expect several sleepless nights until he actually makes his decision," he said about Bryant

As for O'Neal, Kupchak added, "It is time to be patient. We are being patient.' The only thing the GM knew for certain was that Mike Krzyzewski was not leaving Duke to coach in Los Angeles.

"We felt if we could have brought him on board." Kupchak said, "it would have been a wonderful coup for this organization.

Coach K would have been wonderful. too, though not without Kobe and/or Shaq. Courting him was a wonderful distraction the last few days, but ultimately that's all it

The suspenseful debate that accompa-

nied it, the one that centered on whether a successful college coach could move up to the next level, was a waste of time. The game is about players, at every level. So while Krzyzewski gave all the right reasons for hanging back - "The allure of coaching in college has no price," he said the \$40 million the Lakers reportedly offered for five years would have been a lot tougher to turn down if both Los Angeles superstars were guaranteed to be on

The likelihood of either player sticking around grows less likely each day. Buss has made no secret of the fact that he wants it to be Kobe, but so far he has nothing to show for his loyalty.

Bryant hasn't tipped his hand, and he isn't even holding all the cards. No matter how many playing options Bryant chooses to explore, his future won't be decided until he stands trial in late August in Eagle County, Colo.

Where this leaves the Lakers is anybody's guess. The free-agent signing period is halfway over. Los Angeles still has to do something about O'Neal's trade demands. And the more desperate the Lakers become, the less likely Kupchak's competi-tion is to bail him out. The few teams that could have made a deal like that work are already pulling some pieces back On the plus side - did we mention? -

the Lakers may have hired Tomjanovich. And that could yet turn out to be a stroke of When his name first surfaced, before the

Coach K story line developed legs, the consensus was that Tomianovich was the perfect candidate because he'd won two rings coaching the Rockets and proved he could handle superstars of both the old- and new-school variety. Now that it looks like the next Lakers coach will need luck to have the chance to handle either, Tomjanovich might be an ever better fit.

He's been around the league long enough and he's lost enough to know that you make do with what you're handed. even when it isn't much

Coach K was Bryant's hand-picked choice to replace the coach he chased off. Phil Jackson. But Krzyzewski would never have been comfortable knowing he owed his job to one of his players. And sadly, that's what it means to be a "player's coach" in the NBA some days.

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Armstrong moves into overall lead

Five-time champ at front of field after blazing time trial

The Associated Press

ARRAS, France - Lance Armstrong took the overall lead Wednesday for the first time at this year's Tour de France after one of the fastest time trials in race history.

His U.S. Postal Service squad dominated the rain-soaked event, giving the Texan the yellow jersev in his bid for a record sixth-straight title in cycling's showcase race.

"It really was a special day for the team," Armstrong said. "The team was incredible. The rhythm was perfect. It's incredible.

He smiled broadly as he crossed the line, riding a special aerodynamic bike and wearing an aerodynamic helmet and suit. Armstrong holds a 36-second

lead over key rival Tyler Hamilton, a fellow American and former teammate.

Jan Ullrich, a five-time Tour runner-up and second again to Armstrong last year, finished fourth and is 55 seconds off the champion's overall time.

Other challengers were also left trailing: Italy's Ivan Basso is 1 minute 17 seconds behind Armstrong overall, and Spain's Roberto Heras is 1 minute, 45 seconds

Armstrong said his team started slowly but picked up speed.

"That's the sign of a great team." he said. "We fought hard."



Lance Armstrong, second from left, and the U.S. Postal team won the fourth stage Wednesday with the third-fastest time trial in Tour de France history, propelling Armstrong into the overall lead.

The blue-clad Postal squad celebrated with hugs at the finish line. Armstrong raised his arms as he accepted the yellow jersey that in the past five years he has come to call his own.

Ullrich, the 1997 Tour winner, entered the race as Armstrong's most feared rival. His T-Mobile squad was more than a minute be-

New rules designed to limit the

advantage that top teams gain in the event protected Ullrich to some extent. In all, the German lost 40 seconds to Armstrong's team - still a severe setback

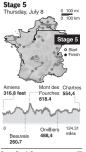
Desnite rain that snaked the 40-mile course from Cambrai to Arras, Armstrong's team still averaged more than 32 mph - the third fastest time in the history of

Armstrong will still be looking

91st TOUR DE FRANCE

A tour of the North

The Tour continues from Amiens which first hosted a stage in 1932 to Chartres, making its first appearance as a stage town.



No. 4. Jose Azevedo, No. 5. Jose Luis Rubiera and No. 7 Viatceslav

The Postal squad had the advantage of starting last of the 21 teams. It also benefited from a stop in the rain that had doused the course, turning the roads slick and causing several teams problems. There were several crash-

The Postal team worked right from the Tour's start - the time trial Saturday - to position itself as the squad to start last.

That enabled the team to see how others fared on the route and judge the pace.



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in new FIFA rankings

United States advanced to an all-time high No. 7 in FIFA's rankings Wednesday while Greece jumped 21 spots to No. 14 after its dazzling run to the European Championship title.

to the later mountain stages and

individual time trials to put away

his rivals for good. But the advan-

tage gained in the team event was

a major step toward yet another

Armstrong and five teammates

are among the top seven riders in

the overall standings - a clear

sign of strength. George Hincapie

is No. 2, 10 seconds behind. He is

followed by No. 3 Floyd Landis.

Brazil remained No. 1 for the 25th straight month, and France and Spain stayed at second and third

The United States twice had climbed as high as eighth - in September 2002 and again in May. The Americans beat Grenada in a home-and-home series in June to reach the semifinals of World Cup qualifying in its region of North and Central America and the Caribbean.

Greece was ranked as low as 59th as recently as March 2002. It climbed "possibly the greatest ever number of places in the upper reaches of the ranking,"

soccer's governing body said. Its 1-0 victory over Portugal on Sunday in the Euro 2004 final gave Greece its first major title.

The rankings are a computer calculation of the relative strength of national teams based on results the previous eight Sports

Czech The Republic, which lost to Greece in the

to fourth. Germany, which did not win a game at Euro 2004, dropped to 12th, tied with Portugal. The Netherlands. which

semifinals, advanced seven spots

Euro 2004

reached the Euro semis, refifth while Mexico dropped two places to sixth.

R. Schumacher signs contract with Toyota

COLOGNE. Germany — Formula One driver Ralf Schumacher signed a three-year contract with Toyota on Wednesday and will be leaving BMW-Williams at the end of the season after five years.

Schumacher's move means Williams will have two new drivers next season. Juan Pablo Montoya is switching to McLaren-Mer-

Toyota's two drivers this season are Olivier Panis of France and Cristiano da Matta of Brazil. Schumacher has won six races for Williams



U.S. Olympic swimming hopeful Michael Phelps has set his sights on Mark Spitz's record seven gold medals.

Phelps out to hit the mark

U.S. swimmer wants to top Spitz's record

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

The Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Michael Phelps wants to make history.
The quest begins Wednesday in a temporary pool set up in a parking lot.

Phelps revealed that he will swim six individual events at the U.S. Olympic swimming trials, setting his sights on breaking Mark Spitz's 32-year-old record of seven gold medals at the Athens Games.

It's a formidable task, one that Phelps will try to pull off swimming three strokes and the individual medley against world-class rivals who specialize in only one

But the 19-year-old from Baltimore doesn't seem concerned that he's spreading himself too thin. Besides the individual events, he also hopes to swim two

or three relays in Athens.
"I'm extremely confident,"
Phelps said Tuesday. "I want to
be the first person to try it."

The eight-day trials are being held for the first time in a portable pool, set up in a parking held for the first time in a parking held for the first time in a parking heart to the Long Beach Arena. The facility was tested a couple five weeks ago at the Janet Evans Invitational, where several swimmers complained about less-than-ideal conditions. At least one change — has been made in hopes of providing a faster pool for the trials.

No matter what the conditions, Phelps will be the star of the show.

"We could be on the verge of history," said Lenny Krayzelburg, who won three Olympic gold medals in Sydney. "It's great for the whole sport because he brings all the attention and popularity."

Which is exactly the idea. Phelps said he's looking beyond just breaking a hallowed record; he wants to transform swimming into more than just a once-every-four-years sport in his home country.

"One of my big goals is to change the sport," Phelps said. "I want to bring more attention to the sport. One of the ways to do is to do something no one has ever done."

At the trials, Phelps will attempt to make the team in the 200- and 400-meter individual medley, which is comprised of all four strokes (freestyle, butterfly, breaststroke and backstroke). He also will swim the 100 and 200 fly, the 200 free and the 200 backstroke.

Phelps will be in the pool for seven straight days, including five when he's got to take part in both the morning and evening ses-

"He's got a difficult task ahead of him," said Ian Crocker, who upset Phelps while setting a world record in the 100 fly at last year's world championships. "There's a lot of people standing in his way."

Phelps must get through a couple of especially daunting days.

On Sunday, he has the 200 back and 200 IM prelims in the morning, followed by the 200 back and 200 IM semis in the evening.

The next day, he's got the 100 fly prelims in the morning, then comes back at night for three events: the fly semis, along with finals in 200 back and 200 IM.

"It's extremely tough," said Crocker, who got used to swimming multiple events at the same meet during his NCAA career at the University of Texas. "By the time you're done with drug testing at night, you feel like you're back up for prelims the next days. Then you've got warm downs, warm ups and all the media stuff. It's not easy."

The Olympics would be even tougher with the relays thrown into the mix. But Phelps' coach,

Bob Bowman, felt the time was right for Phelps to take the ultimate step.

Bowman began mapping out this schedule nearly a year ago, not long after Phelps won six medals — including four golds — and broke five world records at the world championships in Barcelo-

"I don't want to limit him," Bowman said. "I don't know if he'll
ever be in a position like this
again. He's fit. He's young
enough to have the ability to
bounce back. His body is in a
good place. When he gets bigger
and stronger, it's going to be had
to do the 400 IM, then come back
and do something else."

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Phelps isn't trying to do something that's hopelessly beyond his means. He holds world records in the 200 fly and both individual medley events. He also held the record in the 100 fly until Crocker's stunning victory in Barcelona — a loss than still motivates Phelps, who keeps a picture of Crocker on the wall beside his bed

Phelps will be challenged in the 200 backstroke by countryman Aaron Peirsol, who holds the world record. But Phelps swam the fastest time in the world this year, just 15 seconds off Peirsol's

The 200 free could be the most intriguing event of all — Phelps vs. Australian star Ian Thorpe.

Phelps holds the American record of 1 minute, 45.99 seconds, but his best time is still nearly 2 seconds behind the Thorpedo's world standard of 44.06.

The war of words already has started. Thorpe advised the American to forget about breaking Spitz's record, saying he doesn't think anyone can win seven swimning gold medals in an Olympics.

"Tve heard that all before," Phelps said. "He's saying he doesn't think it's possible for himself. But it's not impossible. Spitz did it. Obviously. it's possible."

Quenneville to coach Avs

The Asso

DENVER — Former St. Louis Blues coach Joel Quenneville has been hired by Colorado to replace Tony Granato.

Granato, who coached the Avalanche since 2002, will revert to his former position as assistant coach, team spokesman Hayne

Ellis said early Wednesday. Quenneville previously was an Avalanche assistant under Marc Crawford in 1995-96 and played a role in the franchise's first Stan-

ley Cup championship.
Quenneville was the Blues' coach from January 1997 until this past February, when he was fired during a slump in which his team won four of 16 games.

Kings steal Conroy from Blues

LOS ANGELES — Unrestricted free agent Craig Conroy, who helped the Calgary Flames reach the Stanley Cup finals, agreed to

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NHL briefs a four-year, \$12.6 million contract with the Los Angeles Kings on Tuesday.

The 32-year-old center had eight goals and a team-leading 39 assists in the regular season.

He has 118 goals and 222 assists in 609 regular-season games and was a finalist in 1998 and 2002 for the Selke Trophy, awarded to the NHL's best defensive forward.

Conroy thought he was on the verge of signing with St. Louis before Blues owner Bill Laurie refused to sign off on the deal.

Coyotes sign D O'Donnell

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The Phoenix Coyotes signed free-agent defenseman Sean O'Donnell to a \$6 million, three-year contract Tuesday. O'Donnell had one goal and 10 assists last season while playing every game for the Boston Bruins.



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Ben Curtis is looking forward to defending his British Open title.

British Open champ builds up defense

Curtis looking for consistency

BY BRIAN CREIGHTON The Associated Press

LUSS, Scotland - Ben Curtis didn't expect to win the British Open last year. But he plans to

enjoy defending his title. Curtis is preparing for the Scottish Open at Loch Lomond starting Thursday. But he's already

looking ahead to his title defense at Royal Troon next week.

"It's going to be an exciting week," Curtis said Tuesday. "It's going to be a lot of fun to go back as defending champion. Everybody wants to be that at least once in their life, I think especially as it's in a major.

"You know, hopefully I'll go out

44 Hopefully I'll go out there and win again, but if not, it's always a fun experience to defend.

Ben Curtis

Defending British Opoen champ

there and win again, but if not, it's outside the U.S Tour when he always a fun experience to dewon last year. What emerged after his triumph at Royal St. George's was that he arrived the Curtis was virtually unheard of week before and had three full

practice rounds. This year he won't get to Troon until Sunday night — unless he misses the cut at Loch Lomond.

"I'll rest up Monday and proba-nine just to get a feel for it, said, adding that he's played the course twice this year already.

As much as anything, this week is about getting acclimatized.

"You come over here more than anything to get adjusted to the time. Even if the weather is not good, it's still good to come over and get used to it.

"If you come over Monday morning to Troon and it's cold and in the States it's been 90 degrees, it's hard to get used to auickly.

"With a week, your body adjusts to it a little bit."

He is not unduly optimistic about this week. "Obviously you come out here

to win. But I think more than anything I'd like to have a good finish. More than anything, I just want to get the putter and driver working. Last week I drove the ball poorly.

"I putted well one day, badly the next. So I'll work on the put ting and driving the ball. That will be fine

He shot rounds of 67,78 to miss the cut last week at the Western Open.

"It was funny. The first day I scored a lot better than I actually played," he said. "I made a lot of long putts and got up and down quite a few times. On Friday I just didn't do it. I kept putting myself

in tough positions "It was one of those freaky things that happen in golf. I could have shot 72-73 and had the same score. But I have been playing fairly well up to that point.

Curtis said his aim was to become a more consistent player.

He can feel the progress, desnite missing five cuts in the U.S.

and one in Europe until two months ago. "Since the Masters it has been better," he said. "I've had a lot of

good rounds but I've also had some mediocre rounds. But even the ones I thought were bad were still right around par.

"Other than the Open, that's been about the best I've played." Before his victory last year. Curtis had to watch his spending.

"I wasn't poor by any means but it was a little more difficult than now," he said. "Now the day before you can go and purchase a ticket. You don't have to worry about saving yourself a 100 bucks, or whatever.

"If you make a spur of the moment decision, look it up, book it and go."

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Ivan the terrible

Opposing pitchers fear AL batting leader Ivan Rodriguez like no other catcher in baseball history

BY JACK O'CONNELL

The Hartford Courant

NEW YORK

he Rodriguez whose name is atop the batting leaders in the American League is not the guy playing third base for the Yankees. It is the Rodriguez whose first name makes one

think of Cossacks, answers to Carlton Fisk's old nickname and is best known in New England as the player who beat out Pedro Martinez for AL MVP five years ago

Oh, one more thing. Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez is a catcher not a typical position for batting champions. If Rodriguez finishes the season where he is now, he would be the first AL catcher to win a batting crown

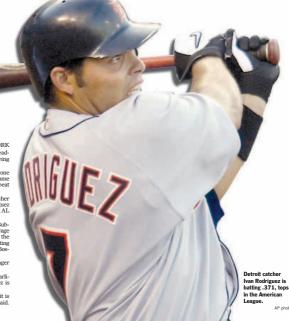
Only two catchers have won batting titles. The Reds' Bubbles Hargrave led the National League with a .353 average in 1926. And Hall of Famer Ernie Lombardi, perhaps the slowest runner in baseball history, led the NL in hitting twice, batting .342 for the Reds in 1938 and .330 for the Boston Braves four years later.

"You know he didn't get any 'leg' hits," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "I didn't either."

As a former batting champion (1971) who had caught earlier in his career, Torre fully appreciates what Rodriguez is doing this year.

"The physical demands of the position are such that it is amazing to see the numbers he's putting up," Torre said.

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Armstrong dons leader's yellow jersey, blisters field

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